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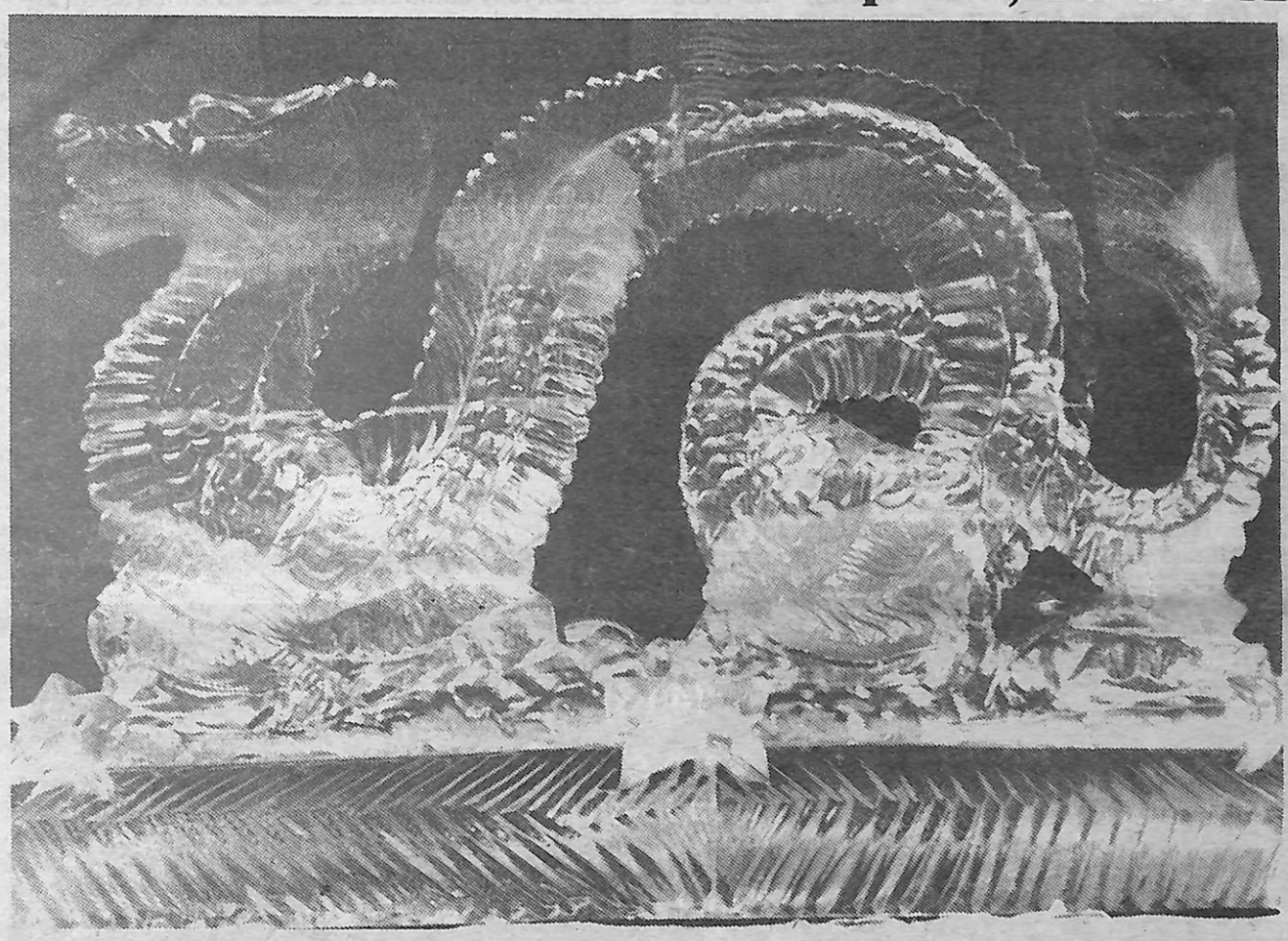
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Gloster's Ice Sculpture; Future Astronaut?





IN PHOTO LEFT, an ice sculpture of a dragon, created by ice carving hobbyist Rich Gloster of Agawam, owner of Alvin's Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension, was on view at the recent BIG E. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Andy Ghedi of Agawam, gives his daughter, Mia, 3, a closer look at the Giant Space Suit in the Connecticut Building.

On Berkshire Power Plant...

Council Finally Kills Chance For Ballot Question On November 7th

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Berkshire Power is elated. Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) are furious. And Mayor Christopher C. Johnson is off the hook.

All prospects for placing a non-binding referendum on Berkshire Power on the municipal ballot November 7th disappeared as Town Council defeated the issue in a 5-5 vote on Monday, October 2nd.

Voting in favor of the ballot question were Councilors David Skolnick, Thomas Ennis, Gary Suffriti, Edward Caba, and Jill Simpson. In opposition were Vice-President Robert Danie, James Taylor, George Bitzas, President Nancy Thompson, and Vivian Dzdiardziel. Walter Balboni was absent.

With the state deadline for placing the question on the ballot in November just one day away, the council deadlocked on Councilor Edward Caba's motion thereby relieving Johnson of the final responsibility of signing the order to allow the ballot question.

In a statement to the council, Johnson had said if the council approved a biased ballot question, he would neither approve nor disapprove their action and it would be "deemed approved" after 10 days. However, that would have been too late for the question to be included on the municipal ballot this year.

After the vote, Berkshire Power project Manager Ken Roberts said he was pleased the council chose not to place the question on the ballot.

"We reiterate our previous position that to do so would send the wrong message to businesses looking to locate in Agawam," Roberts said. "This is especially true for a business such as Berkshire Power which will be an industrial use on land that has been zoned industrial since the 1950's."

CCBA Chairman Kenneth Forni said the council's vote came as no surprise to the plant's opposition. Forni said his group was waiting to hear from Town Solicitor Thomas Locke concerning information on forcing a special election for the ballot question.

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Cops Get Funds To Beef Up Patrols, Beats

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In just under a year-and-a-half as Agawam's top law enforcement officer, Agawam Police Chief Robert Campbell has been able to attract over $150,000 in state and federal grants to Agawam.

The latest grant of $20,000 in state community policing funds was announced by State Senator Linda Melconian's office last week.

In a statement released to the press, Melconian said the money would be used in 1996 to "assist the Agawam Police Department's efforts to combat the rising tide of thefts, drugs, and violence."

The money will be used to expand the foot patrol and the bike patrol of the Agawam Shopping Center and Feeding Hills Center.

Sharing the credit for the department's grant-writing efforts with his staff, Campbell said, "I am actively pursuing a number of grants and try to keep abreast of what's out there. This is the first

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"I only hope the six councilors (who voted against the ballot question) and the Mayor will chip in $1,000 to cover the cost of a special election so the taxpayers won't have to," Forni said.

During the Citizen's Speak portion of the meeting, Roberts criticized the power plant opponents for using what he called half-truths, innuendoes, and threats over the last few months.

"It is clear that the opponents are losing ground on the factual issues surrounding this project," Roberts said. "They have decided to raise the volume of their voices but lower the level of this discourse. I am particularly upset that there have been accusations of corruption made against my company, myself, and members of the city council. They are completely false and cross the line of libel and slander."

Roberts said everyone knew it was ridiculous for the opponents to suggest the power plant could spread legionnaire's disease or the ebola virus, "but the opposition persists with these types of statements."

Roberts further said he was proud to be part of an organization that has been criticized for being a good corporate citizen by participating in community events, making donations to worthy local causes, and sponsoring a golf tournament to benefit Agawam High School's athletics program.

Local counsel for Berkshire Power, Michael P. Walsh, said he had hoped the plant opponents would not resort to personal insult and character assassination.

Walsh said the power plant will undergo a permitting process based on fact.

"We think that's the proper and preferred process," Walsh said.

Opposing Councilors Singled Out

Throughout the debate over placing a question on the ballot, councilors in opposition have been singled out for criticism, had their motives questioned and were under threats of ballot box retaliation.

Council Vice President Robert Danie refuted claims that power plant opponents' efforts to discuss the issues with councilors have been ignored.

"For the past month, I've got nothing but anonymous, threatening calls," Danie said.

Council President Nancy Thompson said she has also received threatening hate calls.

Ms. Thompson said all of her questions concerning the power plant have been satisfactorily answered and she is comfortable supporting the plant.

"I vote the way I do to represent the best interest of the people of Agawam," Ms. Thompson said. "I take to heart very seriously my job on the City Council."

Condemning the use of threats and personal attacks, Councilor George Bitzas said, "The people of Agawam are smart and intelligent and they know which of the councilors care about the town of Agawam and not any personal interest."

Bitzas said the power plant issue should not divide the town. "We need unity and to be respectful of each other," Bitzas said.

Councilor James Taylor brushed aside threats of retaliation at the ballot box, saying, "There are 15,000 voters in Agawam. There were about 20 people here."

Taylor said he gets a sense of support for the power plant out in the community.

Rep. Keenan Pleased With Comm. Policing Grant For Agawam

In a press release issued recently, State Representative Daniel F. Keenan announced that he is pleased that the Agawam Police Department has been awarded a state grant for community policing.

The grant of $19,914 was awarded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and will be used to allow foot patrol officers to use mountain bikes to patrol a wider area of the Springfield-Walnut Streets and Feeding Hills Center business districts.

In a letter of support to Kathleen O'Toole, Secretary of EOPS, Rep. Keenan wrote: "At a time when police departments are increasingly called upon to address a multitude of social and cultural needs, I believe that this direct interaction among officers and members of the public will foster the cooperative relationship between them necessary to promote public safety."

The mountain bike program was recently introduced in the two major business districts as part of the Agawam Police Department's ongoing efforts to implement community policing in the town.

"I am fully committed to use my office as an advocate and resource for municipal departments and boards to obtain all grants available to them," stated Rep. Keenan. "I pledge my support to work with local officers to secure this funding," he concluded.

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time Agawam has received a community policing grant. Everyone here is pitching in to help me meet the challenge."

Campbell said the funds would be used for training and for overtime costs to keep at least one of the department's three mountain bikes on patrol every day.

Campbell said the department was able to purchase three mountain bikes at about a third of the cost due to the efforts of Axler's Bike Shop. Funds to purchase the bikes came from several business owners pleased with the results of the foot patrol initiated in May 1994.

"I made a commitment to the program and to these people that the bike patrols were going to be out there," Campbell said. "The grant will allow us to have one bike out all the time and a second bike out at certain times."

Campbell said the bike patrols have reduced the number of car thefts and break-ins during the run of The Big E. "The bike is silent. The officer just shows up. So far, the officers have been able to make a number of field contacts," Campbell said. "I'm sure the word got out."

To date, the APD has received $75,000 (COPS-FAST) to pay a portion of the cost of one officer's salary for three years; $31,500 for bulletproof vests for all officers; $16,350 in D.A.R.E. funding to expand the program to Perry Lane Park and provide community awareness and tobacco cessation training for the officers; $8,000 for gang supression efforts; and $7,900 for video equipment to be used during arrests for drunk driving.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
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Sealed proposals for SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL will be received until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, October 16, 1995 at the Agawam Housing Authority office at Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001. Specifications available at office.

Robert Watson
Chairman

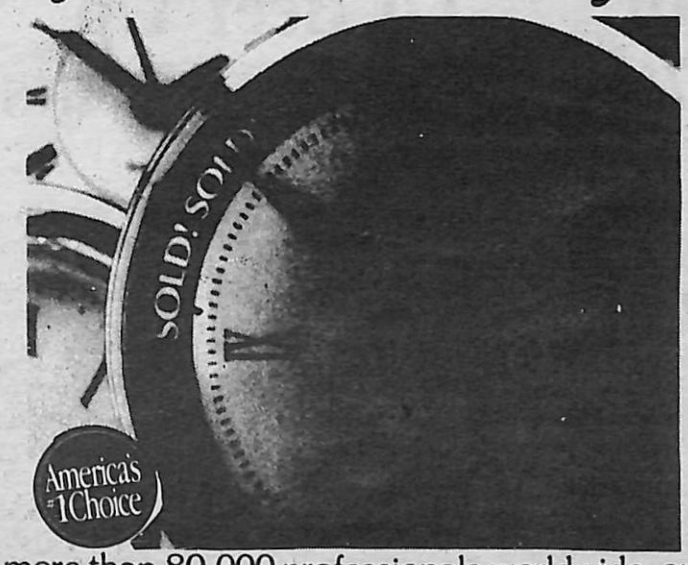
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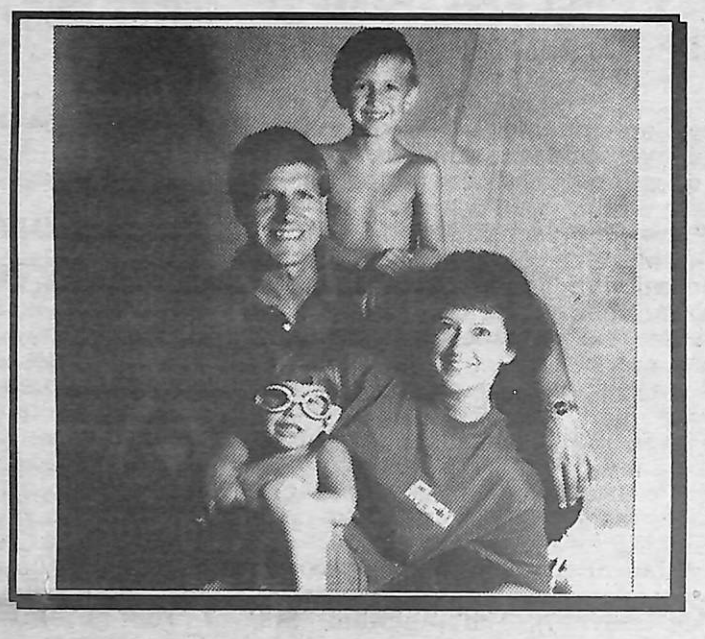


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Agawam Fire Dept. Thanked For Professional Assistance

To The Editor:

I want to thank the Agawam Fire Department for the ambulance sent to my parents' home on September 10, 1995. This was the second time in a few months when the family had requested ambulance service.

The care, compassion, and professionalism of the attendants was really appreciated.

When the chips are down and you really need help, you can count on your Agawam fire ambulance.

Thank you,
Skip Rising
Hollywood, Florida

Berkshire Power Does Care About The Town Of Agawam

To The Editor:

On Thursday, September 28th, at 8:00 a.m., 194 town seniors enjoyed a fine breakfast at The Oaks restaurant. A question-and-answer period followed.

Berkshire Power representatives did an excellent and truthful job of answering all the technical information regarding the water usage, the pollutants, and the forming of black ice.

Our Mayor made the best speech. It was right from his heart, not written or prepared. Chris cares about his and your town, and never, never would let it down.

Berkshire Power will be an asset in our Industrial Park Zone. Plus, the monies are great—$800,000 for taxes and $200,000 for special town projects. Our school athletics and the band are always soliciting for money.

Some of our Mayor's work includes the purchase of Tuckahoe farms for future use (a school or playgrounds maybe?), the Agawam Golf Course, and now the new fire station being built. Now, with the proposed Berkshire Power Plant, our Mayor has been taking a lot of static.

Truthfully, what do some people expect of our Mayor? In my book, he has done a heck of a job to date. Can someone out there do better? I doubt it.

I love my town.

Sincerely,
Eddie Barako
Feeding Hills

Town Councilors Fear The Residents' Right To Vote

To The Editor:

The Berkshire Power project personifies "the old boy network" of politics that is pervasive in our society which caters to special interests rather than the interests of its residents.

After all of the compelling arguments both at public hearings and in published articles in this paper (as well as over 2,300 signatures), Monday night's (October 2nd) Council meeting again showed the council's fear of giving the residents and citizens of the community a right to vote on an issue that will greatly affect their lives and their community.

The main issue for me has changed from Berkshire Power to the conduct of the council as a body. The **arrogance** of the council to consider an issue of this magnitude and decide for me, my family, and my community what is best without a vote is beyond my comprehension. A **non-binding** referendum question on the casino question did not "send the wrong message to business seeking to locate in this town," so why would a similar question on a power plant send this message?

The council worked on other business besides Berkshire Power Monday night. The council admonished a small business owner on the look of his fence and called for abutters to be heard from before a car license could be granted. By asking the small business person to be responsible and blend well in his neighborhood, is this action also "sending the wrong message to other small businesses" that may try to locate in our town?

I have served the town for the past 10 years in a position to bring responsible industry to our community. The purpose is two-fold: 1) that this new industry would stabliize our residential tax rates and provide higher standard of life for our residents; and 2) to have businesses that would blend well into the community. I see that we, as a community, are straying away from those two basic principles that I was appointed to work for.

We must work hard and set our standards high. Through that goal, we will have a stronger and higher quality of life for all the residents of our town.

Abe Kasparian
President,
Agawam Financial Industrial Develop Authority
Candidate for Town Council

I Am Sorry, Virginia, But There Is No Santa Claus

To The Editor:

Your Congress wants to reduce currently planned expenditures for health care, elder care, child care, and welfare by more than $500 billion during the next seven years.

You see, Congress wants to pay less than planned to doctors, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, the poor, the young, the elderly, and the disabled to allow a tax reduction for the working healthy and to balance a budget unbalanced by the Cold War and the continuing arms race.

Your government also wants to reduce regulations concerning travel, your environment, your food, and your medicine; in short, your life and your future. Why would your government want to change or eliminate a system that has allowed the United States to provide a life, living, and retirement to most of its citizens that is at least the equal of any country on earth?

Virginia, believe it or not, there are Americans more interested in tax reductions, corporate profits, balanced budgets, and personal gain than people and the future.

Let's see who gets the $500 billion:

1. Deficit reduction of $260 billion over seven years—money goes to lending companies.
2. Tax reduction of $240 billion over seven years—money goes to the working healthy.

Let's hope that the care and concern reflected by our government over the past 50 years for her citizens is not swept away by the desire for a balanced budget and a tax reduction for the working healthy. It would really be neat if Congress, like the Grinch, could rediscover its heart.

Very truly yours,

James D. Fogg
45 Barney Street
Agawam

BP Project Manager Addresses Opponents Of Power Plant

To The Editor:

I feel that it is important that the public hears from me after some of the verbal abuse both the council and Berkshire Power have taken over the past few months from the small but vocal opposition group.

We have sat and quietly listened to their half-truths, innuendos, and threats without responding. Unfortunately, the character of their rhetoric has dropped to such a level that it would be irresponsible on our part to stay quiet any longer.

During all of the debate surrounding the Berkshire Power project, the burden of proof has been on us to prove that everything we say is true. We accept that burden and believe that this is the way things should be. Unfortunately, this is not the case for the other side. They have hidden their lack of facts behind unfounded accusations and personal attacks.

For example, there were representations made that our plant could spread Legionnaire's Disease or the ebola virus. All of us know this is ridiculous, but the opposition persists with these type of statements. It is clear that the opponents are losing ground on the factual issues surrounding this project. They have decided to raise the volume of their voices but lower the level of this discourse. When they do not get their way, it is time to play the "blame game."

They did not follow the proper procedures to put a question on the ballot and then tried to blame the council. They promised to turn signatures over for validation but they then refused to do so. Their response was that they were afraid Berkshire Power might contact people who signed the petition. I believe that they refused to do so because they simply did not have enough **valid** signatures.

They have attacked us for participating in community events such as our Tree Day or sponsoring a baseball team, or for donating money to worthy causes such as Friends of the Senior Center, Youth Football, Youth Soccer, Camp Rainbow, and the Junior High Student Planner Book.

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Monday, October 9th
Meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam
At the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam
8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 12th
Annual Friends/Council on Aging Dinner
At Chez Josef, Agawam
Social hours, 6:30 p.m.; dinner, 7:00 p.m.
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We are also sponsoring an Annual Golf Tournament to benefit High School athletics and have been attacked for that. As the father of five children, I can understand the importance of sports and the impact of user fees. Imagine looking into the eyes of a child who has been told they can not play a sport because their parents can't afford the user fee. Berkshire Power is proud of our efforts to prevent that from happening.

We made it very clear on the first day that we were **invited** into this community that we would be an active participant in community activities and be a responsible corporate citizen. This commitment will be for the life of the project. I am sure that if we had chosen not to get involved in the community, we would be criticized for that as well. I am proud to be part of an organization that is criticized for being a good corporate citizen.

The opponents have said there is no need for the power from this project. I can tell you tonight that we have a sufficient number of commitments from power purchasers that we could build the plant tomorrow, if it had all of its permits. The project cleared a major environmental hurdle on Friday when the Secretary of Environmental Affairs certified our Draft Environmental Impact Report.

The opposition also says that there are no local people qualified to work at the plant. How then can they explain why, two years before the plant begins operating, we already have application requests from over two dozen qualified Agawam residents.

The list of the opponent's other half-truths and false statements is too long to be recited. We expect that during a discussion of a project like ours, there will be various positions taken on the merits of the project. However, what we did not expect was the viciousness of the unfounded personal attacks against ourselves and certain members of the council.

It is unfortunate that the opposition has decided to stoop to this level. I am particularly upset that there have been accusations of corruption made against my company, myself, and members of the council. Let me make it perfectly clear to the public and the people who made those statements, they are completely false and cross the line of libel and slander.

I think that the council should be commended for the hard work it has put into examining our project. You have taken the time to research this issue on your own time and have asked many good questions. You shouldn't have to pick up the paper on Tuesdays mornings and read about the latest attack on your character from people who disagree with your position on this issue. You deserve better than that.

In closing, let me state that on the whole, we are very pleased with the reception we have received in Agawam. It is this welcome that helped us choose Agawam over 11 other communities that wanted this project. We will not be intimidated by negative attacks from a small group of people and neither should you. We appreciate your continued support and we look forward to a long-term relationship with the people of Agawam.

Kenneth Roberts
Project Manager
Berkshire Power

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1995 at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of JOSEPH KOWAL, D/B/A/ J.K. TOOL CO, INC. which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B (2), of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of an addition, at the premises identified as 41 Russo Circle.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman
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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 19, 1995 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Juliano for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Meadowland Estates, a proposed 7 lot subdivision to be located off of Meadow Street.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
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Conservation Comm. Likely To Write BP Order Of Conditions

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its next meeting on October 12th, the Conservation Commission will likely write an order of conditions governing the installation of a storm water drainage system on the proposed site of the Berkshire Power project.

At the commission's Thursday, September 28th meeting, Berkshire Power's local counsel Michael P. Walsh asked that the permit be issued for five years rather than the usual three years in the event there are delays in the extensive regulatory oversite of the project.

BP project Manager Kenneth Roberts disputed the suggestion that the commission would be granting an exception not extended to other businesses if they issued a permit for five years.

Roberts said the law allows for a five-year permit. "This is not an exception. We're not allowed to break ground until the (State) Energy Facilities Siting Board makes its ruling so all power plants ask for that extension. Other businesses don't have that two-year permitting process to go through."

Engineering and environmental consultants for Berkshire Power told the commission the proposed power plant has been designed to be sited outside the wetlands identified on the site. The wetlands in the buffer zone surrounding the plant will be minimally impacted during the construction of the stormwater drainage piping and discharge outlet structure, said the reports.

To ensure that construction of the power plant and access roads does not impact the wetlands, silt fences or hay bales will be placed along the wetland boundary before construction begins and will be left in place until vegetation is re-established.

In documents filed with the commission, Berkshire Power maintains the construction and operation of its proposed power facility will impact only a small portion of the 100-foot buffer zone and will be primarily temporary in nature.

Permanent impact to the bugger zone will be limited to .03 acres for the storm runoff discharge channel and will not result in significant alteration of plant life, hydrology, or soils, according to Berkshire Power.

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200 Senior Citizens Receive Info On Planned Power Plant

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After nearly a year working with representatives of Berkshire Power, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson is more committed to seeing the power plant built than ever.

At a breakfast meeting sponsored by BP last week at The Oaks Banquet House, Johnson told 200 Agawam senior citizens that he was impressed by the facility being proposed, by the companies underlying BP, and by the jobs and revenue the plant will bring to Agawam.

Former State Representative Michael P. Walsh, local counsel for Berkshire Power, gave the elderly an overview of the project and the extensive permitting process the plant will undergo before construction can begin. "I assure you this is not a fly-by-night operation or a foregone conclusion," Walsh stated.

Walsh said the breakfast meeting was "an indication of the ongoing community education and outreach strategy Berkshire Power has taken."

Project Manager Kenneth Roberts said he was gratified to see so many seniors interested in having their questions answered on the impact the power plant will have.

Giving the first hint that he may be seeking his last term as Agawam's mayor in November, Johnson said the revenue from the plant will not make his job any easier as he will likely not be in office when the city begins to receive the in-lieu of taxes payments proposed by BP.

"If I didn't think this was a good thing for the town, I'd be the first guy chasing them out of town with a broom," Johnson said.

Best For The Community

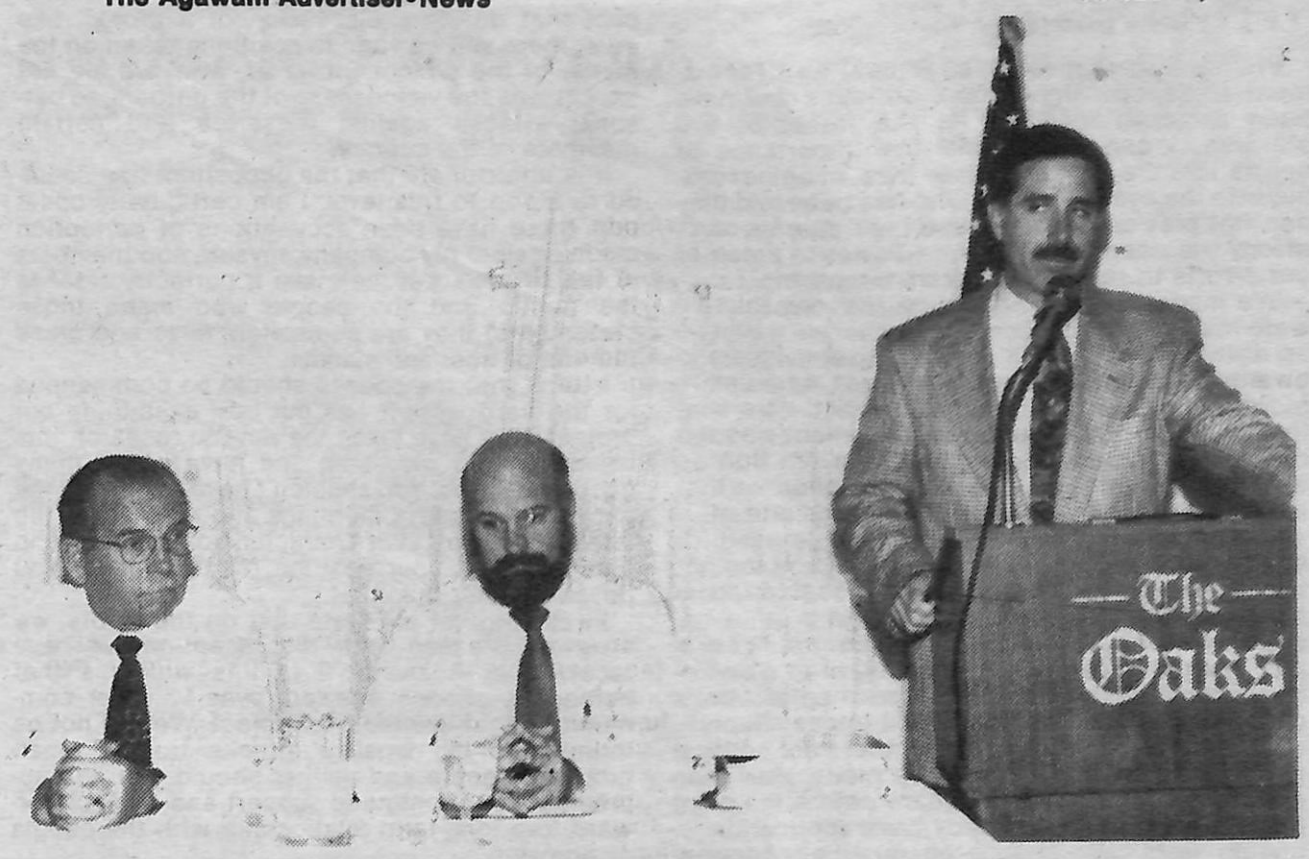
Johnson said the $1 million a year the plant will bring in increased revenue for the town will result in helping the town provide the best school system, the best parks, and the best in community services.

"This facility will make Agawam a more desirable place to live and will increase property values," Johnson said.

Berkshire Power is proposing to pay the town an in-lieu-of-taxes payment of $800,000 per year and an additional $200,000 to be used for community improvement projects at the schools, parks, or Senior Center. Both amounts will escalate three percent each year with the payments scheduled to begin when the power plant becomes operational in 1999.

However, Johnson is still negotiating the tax treaty with BP. "Obviously, I'm looking for more and I'm looking for it quicker," Johnson said.

Johnson said revenue from the power plant would probably result in minimal or no increase in property taxes for the next five to 10 years. This year's property taxes are going up one percent rather than the 2½ percent allowed under Proposition 2½ because of the success of the industrial park in attracting new business.



FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL P. WALSH, now legal counsel for Berkshire Power, addresses a large crowd of Agawam senior citizens at a breakfast meeting on Thursday, September 28th, at The Oaks banquet house. Looking on are Kenneth Roberts (left), project manager, and Frederick Sellars, environmental consultant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The entire industrial park brings in less than a half-million dollars in taxes, while the $1 million being proposed by BP will represent four percent of the entire tax levy for the town, Johnson said.

In response to concerns over the proposed power plant's use of 1.5 million gallons of water per day and any adverse effects on water pressure in the surrounding area, Johnson said the town has spent millions of dollars building the roads, the sewer system, and the water system needed to attract industry.

"We have all paid for it," Johnson said. "It seems foolish not to say, 'Let's cash in on it.'"

Johnson lashed out at opponents of the power plant for their allegations of bribery and corruption of the Mayor's office and the Town Council. Johnson emphatically denied ever having been approached improperly by officials of BP.

Johnson said, "I'm tired of the personal attacks, the hate phone calls, and having my reputation slandered."

Rather than take the information provided by BP at face value, Johnson said he independently researched the issues surrounding the siting of a power plant.

"Everything they have represented is 100 percent accurate," Johnson said. "Everything the opponents have represented is almost 100 percent not true."

Johnson Issued A Challenge

Noting that most people on the street support the power plant, Johnson issued a challenge for more people to get involved in the dialogue so that the public meetings would no longer be dominated by about 30 opponents of the plant.

"What they're saying is not true," Johnson charged.

Strongly in favor of Berkshire Power's proposed plant, Feeding Hills resident Arthur Whittaker says it all comes down to economics. "Our town is going to get a million bucks a year," Whittaker said.

Having spent 43 years supervising the construction of the boilers used in power plants at sites in 40 states, Whittaker said he is well aware of what the plant will look like and he isn't concerned about the visual impact of the plant and the smokestack.

"It's not going to look like St. Pat's Cathedral, but it will look as good as any industrial building in town," Whittaker said. "That's what industrial parks are for. This is not an industry that's going to relocate overseas. They're not going to invest their money and leave."

Resident Noah Nesin said he is leaning about 75 percent in favor of having the power plant built in Agawam if it's going to be built in this area.

"The biggest objection seems to be from people who live within 2,000 feet of the plant," Nesin said. "They don't totally trust the politicians who say that there are safeguards."

Based on the feedback from the seniors, Roberts said the meeting had gone well and most of the people were strongly in favor of the plant.

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Agawam Obituaries

Kenneth Cobb Affleck

Kenneth Cobb Affleck, 47, of 7507 East 73rd Street, Tulsa Oklahoma, died August 8th. He was formerly employed by American Airlines in Tulsa as an engineer with "Ideas in Action" since 1986. Previously he was an engineer at New Hampshire Ball Bearing for 11 years.

Born in Springfield, Mass., he grew up in Agawam. He was a 1966 graduate of Agawam High School, where he was a member of the track team, band, and was a Student Government class officer. He was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church and an Eagle Scout with Troop 89 in Agawam. He was a 1967 graduate of Mt. Herman in Northfield, MA, and a 1971 graduate of Tufts University in Medford, Mass., where he received a bachelor's degree in engineering.

In 1975, he moved to New Hampshire, where he lived in the towns of Dublin and Jaffrey, and was a member of the Gideon Bible Society. In 1986, he moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was an active participant in Victory Christian Church, working in missions and outreach. He participated in the church's mission trip to Russia in 1991, and was a 1995 graduate of Victory Bible Institute in Tulsa.

He leaves his wife, Margery (Bickler) Affleck, whom he married in 1972; a son, John Bickler Affleck, at home; a daughter, Joni Marie Affleck, at home; a brother, Theodore E. Affleck of Newington, CT; and a sister, Susan E. Affleck-Childs of Danbury, CT. He was predeceased by his parents, Esther L. "Pat" (Eaton) Affleck, who died in 1994, and G. Frederick Affleck, who died in 1988.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 7th, at 1:30 p.m. in Agawam Congregational Church. He was interred in Floral Haven, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Memorial contributions may be made to Victory Christian School Scholarship Fund, 7700 South Lewis Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136.

Pearl L. Horton

Pearl L. (Hudson) Horton, 101, of 100 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, died at home.

Born in Popo, Oklahoma, she lived in California for several years before moving here in 1986.

While in California, she worked as a citrus packer for the Lamanda Park Citrus Association and retired in 1957.

She was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church.

Her husband, Daniel W. Horton, died in 1976. She leaves a daughter, Opal Tippins of Agawam; a brother, Cecil Hudson of Pryor, Oklahoma; two grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Private services were held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and burial will be in Mission Memorial Park in Seaside, California.

Douglas W. Burack

The funeral of Douglas W. Burack, 19, of 177 Somers Road, East Longmeadow, was recently conducted at Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home. He died after being injured in a car accident on Route 44 in Pomfret, Connecticut. The burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

He was a part-time assistant chef at the Hampden House Restaurant in Hampden, and formerly at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in East Longmeadow all his life, and was graduated from East Longmeadow High School last year. He was a full-time culinary arts student at Johnson & Wales University, and a guitarist.

He leaves his father, Daniel S. Burack; his mother, Marie (DiMauro) Burack of East Longmeadow, and two brothers, Jeffrey M. and Gregory A. at home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rotary Club Foundation Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 571, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Rose M. Bruni

Rose M. Bruni, 74, of 305 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, a clerk at the former Buxton's Co. in Agawam, died in Noble Hospital in Westfield.

She retired in 1980. Born in Springfield, she lived in West Springfield for many years before coming to Southwick in 1955.

She leaves a brother, John L. Bruni of Southwick; two sisters, Ruth V. Bruni of Southwick and Josephine Santinello of Agawam; and two nieces.

The funeral was at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and in Immaculate Conception Church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, all in West Springfield.

Richard L. Waltermire

Richard L. Waltermire, 82, of 15F Mansion Woods, Agawam, a retired 25-year employee, vice president, and general manager of Belmont Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co., died at home.

He retired in 1984. He had been a sales and service engineer for Adco Inc. of Sedalia, MO. After retirement, he was a part-time broker for Speed & Hegeman Real Estate Co. for 10 years.

Born and schooled in Westfield, he was a graduate of the National Institute of Dry Cleaners in Illinois. He was a longtime resident here. He worshipped at the Second Congregational Church in Westfield, and served on its finance board. He was a member of the Longmeadow Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite Bodies of Springfield, and the Melha Temple Shrine.

He leaves his wife, the former Rita A. Pelchat; a daughter, Judith W. Beach of Westfield; two grandchildren, and a great-grandson. A private funeral was conducted at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01107-9058, or the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

William J. Swikalus

William J. Swikalus, 82, of 41 Plantation Drive, Agawam, a 43-year machine tool assembler for Van Norman Machine Co., died at Mercy Hospital. He retired in 1975.

Born in Westfield, he was a graduate of Westfield Trade High School. He lived in Springfield before moving here in 1951. He belonged to the Agawam Lions Club, the Mawaga Sportsmen's Club, and John F. Kennedy Knights of Columbus Council 5585.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield. His wife, the former Bridget M. Migut, died in February. He leaves a son, Robert W. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Sheila A. Swikalus of Agawam; a brother, Joseph, and sister, Anne Dalikas, of Westfield, and two grandchildren.

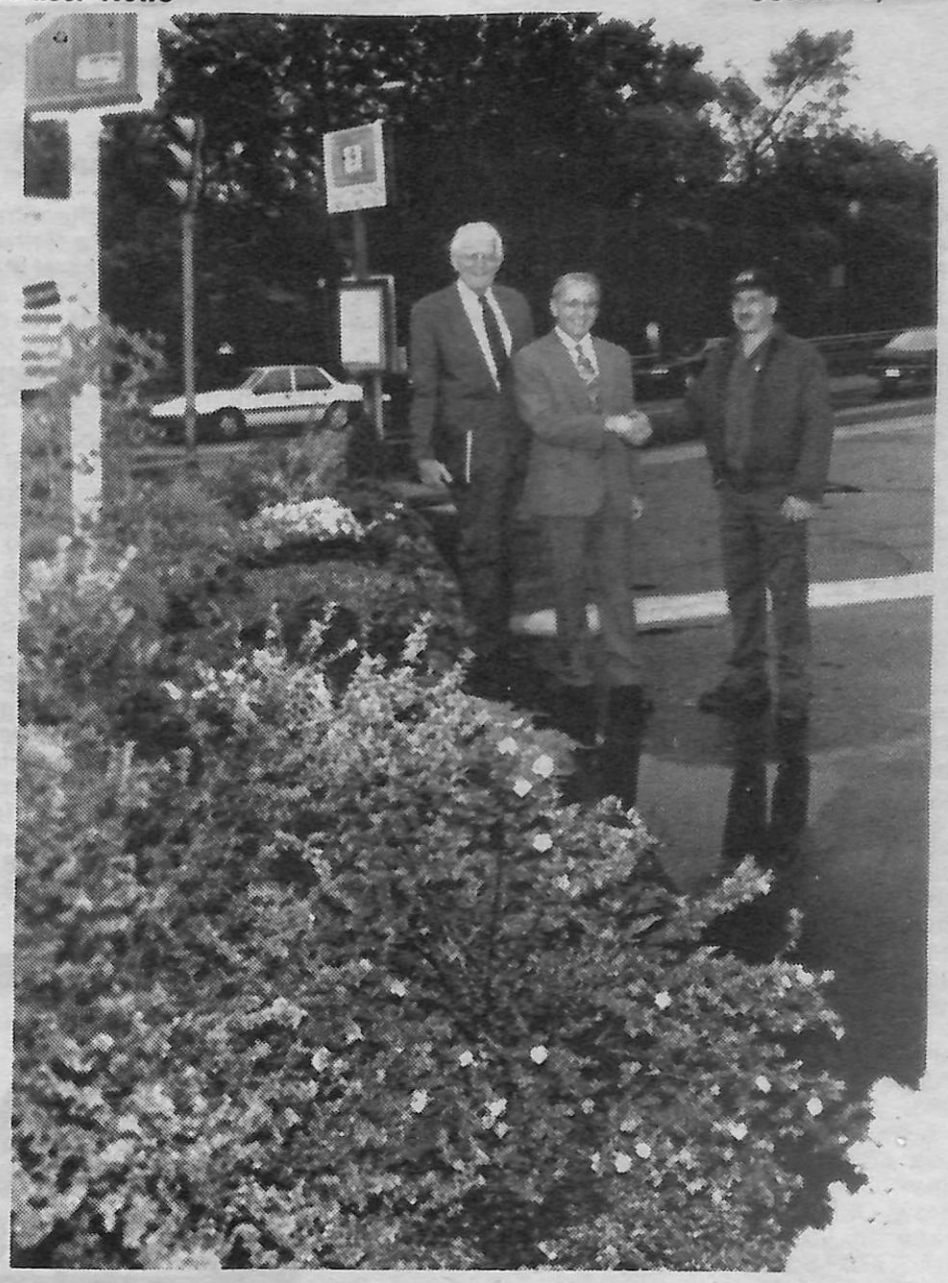
The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home, and St. Casimir's Church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, both in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Lions Club, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089, or the Knights of Columbus JFK Council, Box 191, Agawam, MA 01001.

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AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS John Zebryk and George Bitzas congratulate (photo left) Frank Pignatare, owner of Frank's Texaco on Main Street and John Kozah (photo right) of John Getty Auto on the corner of Main and Suffield Streets for their efforts to keep their businesses attractive, especially during July's LPGA Tournament here. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Two Auto Repair Stations Receive Kudos From Beautification Committee

As part of its continuing effort to acknowledge those businesses, organizations, or individuals who have made a special effort to make Agawam a more attractive and pleasant place to live, the Beautification Committee salutes Pignatare's Texaco Service Station and John Getty Auto Service.

Councilman George Bitzas said, "I am very proud of all the businesses and organizations who responded to the Beautification Committee's appeal to spruce up the town for the large number of visitors expected for the LPGA Golf Tournament this summer and The Big E this fall."

He further stated that he extends to all of them a heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Committee and wishes that it would be possible to recognize each and every cooperating business individually.

Beautification Committee member John Zebryk added that Pignatare's Texaco and John Getty Auto are typical of those many who made a specail effort to improve the appearance of their business and thereby have also helped make all of Agawam a more pleasant and attractive place to visit or live.

Pignatare's Texaco is located at 395 Main Street near the Historic District and immediately off a busy major exit from Route 57. It is owned and operated by Frank Pignatare. Frank, who always has maintained the appearance of his business, this year made a substantial further upgrade. The entire treebelt area fronting his station was completely re-landscaped, partially filled with decorative stone, and a raised area created in which he planted flowers, shrubs, and small trees.

John Getty Auto is located at the corner of Main and Suffield Streets at the Morgan/Sullivan bridge gateway from West Springfield. It is operated by John Kozah. Through personal effort and expense, John rejuvenated and changed what was a plain corner to one now attractively planted with flowers and shrubs and which complements the public plantings on the opposite side of the street and on the bridge.

In addition to thanking all businesses for what they have done this year, Mr. Bitzas expressed the hope of the Committee that the momentum from the progress made and the spirit of cooperation demonstrated this year will be sustained and carried forward to the next.

IRS Reminds About Oct. 16th Deadline For Charity Contributions

Taxpayers who made a charitable contribution of $250 or more last year are now running up against an October 16, 1995 deadline to receive their written acknowledgment from the charity, as required by a tax law change in 1993.

The IRS extended the original deadline of April 18th, after receiving complaints that taxpayers were having difficulty in obtaining these acknowledgments. The written acknowledgment is required to substantiate the deduction claimed on the tax return.

"The written acknowledment does not get filed with your return, but must be kept in your files in case your return gets audited. If you are unable to provide written documentation, we may automatically disallow your deduction," said Francine Crowley, Boston IRS District Director.

If taxpayers still have not received written documentation from the charity, they must show a good faith effort to obtain the acknowledgment before the deadline. One example of a good faith effort would be sending a letter to the charity requesting the acknowledgment be sent to the taxpayer by the October 16th deadline.

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OCTOBER 8th - COUNCIL TABLES REQUEST FOR 15 LIQUOR LICENSES

The Town Council has tabled a proposed request to the General Court to convert 15 seasonal all-alcoholic licenses in town to full-year all-alcoholic permits. Agawam is allowed 25 all-alcoholic licenses by state public safety laws, and the legal conversion of existing seasonal permits "would make sure we got no more for a good many years," Councilor Paul Fieldstad said.

OCTOBER 8th - COUNCIL FORMS GROUP TO REVISE HEALTH CODE

A three-man sub-committee has been formed to work with the Board of Health and interested government and private groups on revision of the health code. Councilor Edmund Coffey, who moved the creation of the sub-committee, said the code was weak in enforcement procedures.

"Many areas, including business, residential, and county lands, are not kept up well, often just minor nuisances to the health laws," Coffey commented. He added that "those who want to make Agawam a nice place to live are surrounded by those who don't give a damn."

OCTOBER 8th - WESTMAN SAYS CHIEF IGNORED HIS APPEAL

Manager Westman blamed Police Chief R. Kenneth Grady for the delay in implementing a Police Department study. Westman said he has appealed to Grady several times. Grady has refused to abide by the manager's request to indicate in writing his "awareness and approval" of the evaluation. Westman's choice to conduct the comprehensive study was the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Chief Grady said that he favors a study "because in the very near future," according to the manager's Capital Outlay report, "within a few years, we'll be building a new police station. The town is growing and we would like to know what is recommended for future improvements." Grady did not comment on his refusal to sign the agreement.

OCTOBER 15th - MENTAL HEALTH GROUPS PRESENTED $1,400 BY UNICO

Recipients were the Mental Health Association of Greater Springfield, the Hampden County Association for Retarded Children, the Friends of Belchertown, Inc., and Camp Togawauk, a summer day camp for retarded children located in Westfield. An additional $500 raised by the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National was forwarded to National Mental Health Research Foundation.

UNICO is a service organization comprised of members of Italian descent. One of its major tasks each year involves raising money for mental health. This year's fundraising drive was conducted by co-chairmen Gina Rossi and Paul D'Amato.

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1996 Real Estate Tax Bills Have Been Mailed To Town Residents

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The amount due by November 1, 1995, represents one-half tax bill plus any betterments, special assessments, and other charges. These bills also reflect exemptions granted for applications received through September 20, 1995. Exemptions granted are deducted from the total taxes and reduce the amount due for both the first- and second-half payments.

The first payment is due on November 1, 1995, and must be **at least** one-half of the tax and **any** betterments, special assessments, and other charges shown. The remaining balance owed must be paid by May 1, 1996.

If payments are not made by the due dates, interest at the rate of 14 percent will be charged on the amount of the payment that is unpaid and overdue. Interest is computed on overdue first payments from October 1, 1995, to the date payment is made.

Taxpayers should allow sufficient time for the United State Postal Service to process the mail if payments are made by mail. Payments must be postmarked by October 31, 1995.

If you have any questions regarding payments, please contact the Collector's Office at 786-0400, extension 218. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In addition, Massachusetts state law requires taxpayers to pay the bill whether it is received or not. Anyone who did not receive their real estate tax bill by October 4, 1995, should contact the Collector's Office at 786-0400, extension 218.

Anyone seeking abatement or exemption should contact the Assessor's Office. To request an abatement or exemption, an application must be filed in writing on an approved form with the Assessor. The filing deadline for an abatement application was October 1, 1995.

The filing deadline for an exemption under Mass. G.L. Ch. 59, S5, Cls. (17, 17C, 17C1/2, 17D), 18, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E (37, 37A), (41, 41B, 41C), 42, 43 or (52), or a deferral under Ch. 41A is December 15, 1995. The filing deadline for all other exemptions under Ch. 59 S5 was October 1, 1995.

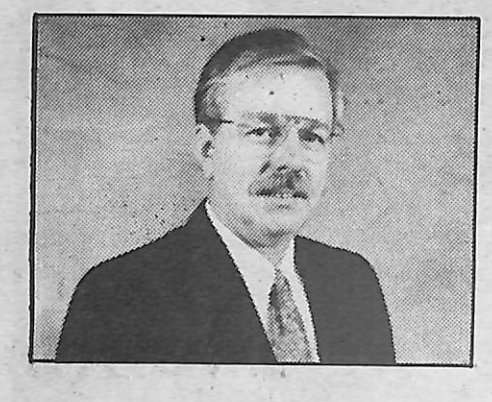
Applications are considered filed when received by the Assessor. If your application was not received by the applicable deadline, the Assessor cannot by law grant an abatement or exemption. Any questions on valuation or assessments or on abatements or exemptions, should be directed to the Assessor's office at 786-0400, extension 205.

In addition to the real estate tax bills, the envelopes included a survey regarding public safety from the Agawam SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council. Survey responses may be returned to the Collector's Office or to the Agawam Senior Center.

Any questions regarding the survey should be directed to Richard Mundo at the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, extension 242.

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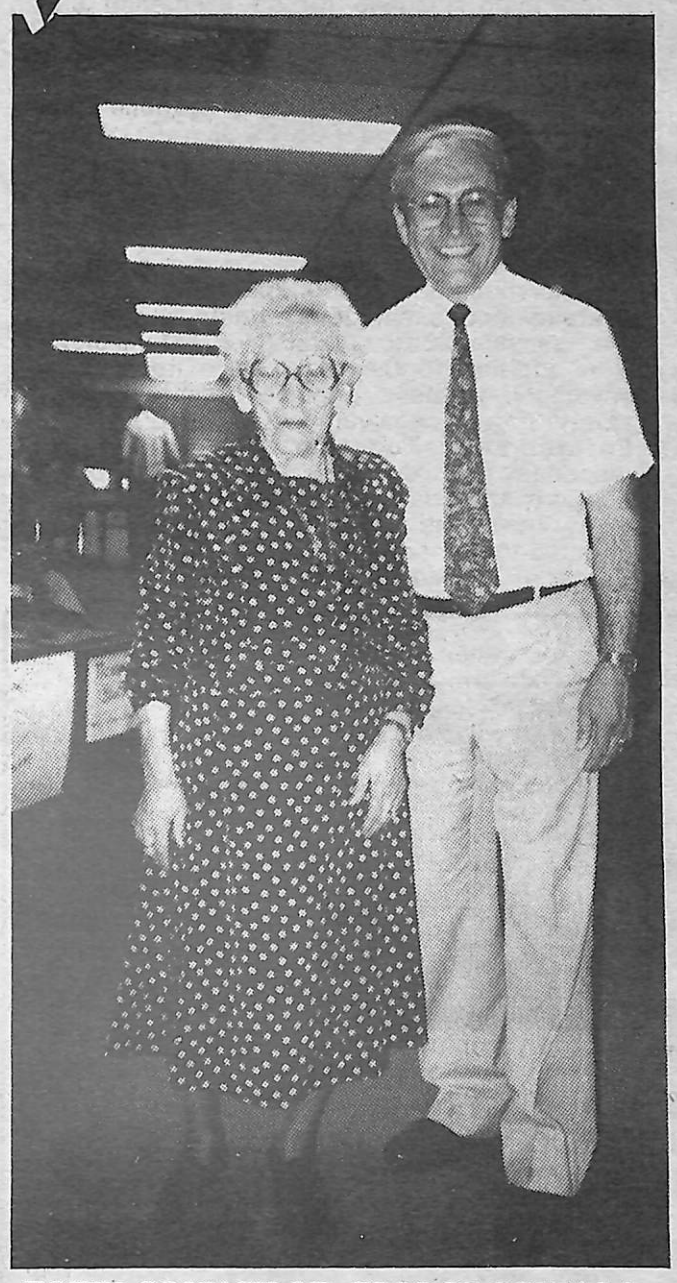
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TOWN COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS is pictured in the Agawam Senior Center with his 95 year-old mother, Alexandra Bitzas.

Bitzas Pledges To Again Support Ag. Senior Center

Town Councilor George Bitzas said if re-elected, he will continue to work and strongly support the needs of our senior citizens.

"During my six years as a city councilor, I have often visited our Senior Center and supported their issues. I have many good friends at the Senior Center. I always listen to their problems, needs, concerns, and learn from their many experiences.

"I am a member of the Friends of Agawam Senior Center and a Senior Center volunteer. We have one of the best senior centers in the state, but there is a need for more room and more parking. I will continue to work and lobby the Federal and State agencies for their financial support, for the expansion and improvement of our Senior Center.

"Our senior citizen population has grown to nearly 6,000 people who are over 60 years-old. We must do something very soon to provide more housing, more social services, and socialization. We must also try to put pressure on PVTA to extend its city bus routes for our seniors.

"The bus and van services are necessary for the 116 elderly units and others who live alone in their own homes without cars. We must work to find a way to make it easier for our elderly to get out for their medical appointments, visiting their loved ones who are in nursing homes, shopping, or for their own entertainment.

"For the past 19 years, we have had my 95 year-old mother living with us," Bitzas said, "and I am very aware of the many needs, problems, and concerns facing our elderly today.

"With your votes and support, I hope that I will be re-elected and continue to work with integrity, common sense, honesty, and dedication for you, your families, and for our town."

Candidate Russo Discusses Issues Facing Veterans

"I am proud to have served my country, and as a Vietnam veteran, I know first-hand what truly concerns Agawam's veterans," said City Council candidate Louis Russo in a campaign statement.

"I also understand how our veterans think and feel about the things they care most about.

"I have a record of involvement in helping our veterans and Agawam's service organizations. I joined the march on the State House and supported a resolution protesting the state's decision to close the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. I supported and welcomed our Gulf War troops at Westover.

"When our charitable service organizations were continually denied property tax exemptions by our public officials, and ignored by our City Councilors, I wrote, sponsored, and had passed legislation that returned exemption status to our service organizations.

"I don't speak of helping veterans only during elections. I help them every day. As chaplain and board member of Agawam's American Legion Post, I continually am involved with veterans' issues. I am also a member of Agawam's Veterans' Council and am proud to have been a part of creating the Veterans' Green in Agawam Center. I am also proud to have been involved in the design and construction of the Veterans' Gazebo. I have also been involved in planning Memorial Day and Veterans' Day activities.

"I will continue to give my time helping our veterans any way that I can. As a member of the City Council, I can insure that *our veterans will* have a caring and understanding voice in their government," said Russo.

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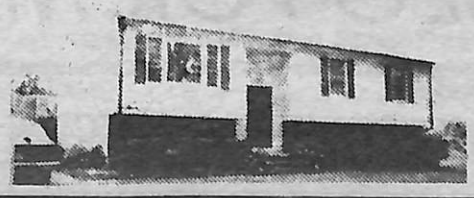
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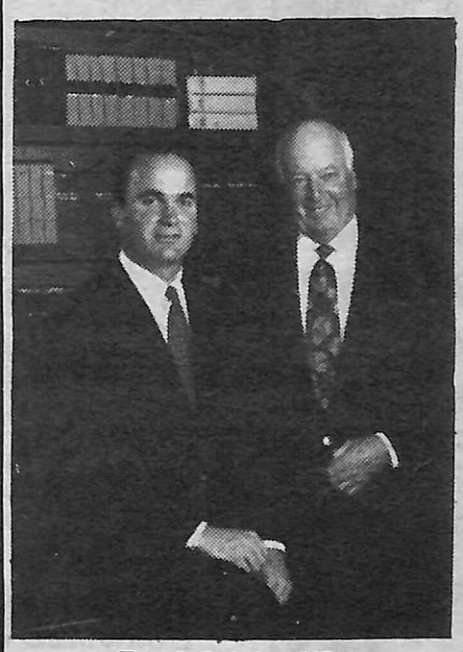
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SERVING AS OFFICERS on the Stieg For Mayor Committee are Manon McCarthy, treasurer; and Mike DelNegro, campaign manager (right). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE STIEG FOR MAYOR COMMITTEE gathered for a meeting on September 26th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Stieg For Mayor Opens Headquarters In Crossroads Shoppes

The Stieg for Mayor Committee has announced the opening of campaign headquarters at the Crossroad Shoppes on Thursday, October 5, 1995.

Please drop by and meet with Karl Stieg. If interested in putting up lawn signs, come in and sign up Monday through Friday, 3:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

A campaign meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 1995 for all who wish to help.

Candidate Langone Advocates Protection Of Neighborhoods

Town Council candidate Joseph F. Langone has announced his support for protecting the neighborhoods of Agawam and at the same time building a solid and quality business base.

Langone stated, "As a full-time teacher for the past several years, I have learned that listening is part of the process of instructing and leading. One must listen clearly and without bias to the concerns of the voters and research the elements of those concerns in order to be in a position to resolve them."

He added, "During the first phase of my campaign, I have respectfully discussed the issues with th voters and have found their views honest and candid."

He stressed, "I do not have nor claim to have a crystal ball or magic wand, and not every action I take will please everyone. The voters clearly have told me they want Agawam to have a solid business base. They know we need tax revenues to be able to support our budget, including capital improvement programs, throughout our city. But they also tell me not to forget that such tax revenues also come from a residential tax base. Therefore, the protection of our neighborhoods is and must be of a great concern."

He emphasized, "One of the strong heartbeats of our community is its neighborhoods, and they cannot be neglected or sacrificed. I pledge to support zoning laws which will insure that our neighborhoods are protected to their full extent."

Langone concluded, "One job, therefore, of a councilor is to respectfully listen to the voters' concerns about the protection of their neighborhoods while at the same time acting professionally to encourage the growth of a solid and quality business base."

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Kent Servis Announces Bid For Council Seat

Kent P. Servis of 48 Kathy Terrace, Feeding Hills, has announced his intention to seek election to the Agawam City Council. He has released the following statement:

"My wife Peggy and I are the parents of two children and are long-time residents of our community. Our daughter graduated from Agawam High School last year, and our son is a junior at the High School this year.

"I am deeply concerned with the issues of taxpayer rights and the rights of our citizens here in Agawam. Across our nation, political leaders decry the lack of citizen involvement in government decisions. Here in Agawam, we must insure that our local government is responsive to the will of the people that have elected them to office. You can fight city hall, but you shouldn't have to!

"Agawam is a growing community, but its government is not so large that it can not seek the input from the residents who are paying the bills. We are in an enviable position as citizens, because although we are chartered as a city, we retain enough of the small town atmosphere to make it possible for residents to express their views at various meetings such as the Council and School Committee meetings.

"As a private citizen, I have worked to protect the property taxpayers in Agawam by writing a piece of legislation known as the Agawam Taxpayes Bill of Rights. This was passed as a Resolution by the City Council in late 1993. It is designed to prevent confusion and misunderstandings when dealing with property tax problems. It gives the taxpayer information 'in writing' as to his or her rights and remedies as prescribed by law. It further prevents the coding or lump sum billing of property taxes so that the taxpayer can not readily see how the tax bill is broken down.

"Last winter, Agawam was threatened with the construction of a gigantic shopping complex that could have dwarfed the two complexes on Riverdale Street in West Springfield. The developer estimated about SEVEN MILLION vehicle trips per year to the Tennis Road area of town.

"In response to this threat, I formed the CITIZENS AGAINST RECKLESS DEVELOPMENT organization and to this point we have been successful in stopping a traffic nightmare that would have plagued us forever. We did not need to pave over another 80 acres of open space, when we have a half vacant mall on Suffield Street.

"I also worked closely with several of our present City Councilors who succeeded in sponsoring and passing a resolution to the Mass. Highway Department not to change the exit ramps on the new length of Rt. 57 to accommodate the mall traffic. Without this change, the mall can not be built."

"I have a vested interest with the issues confronting our senior citizens, and while I am seldom in attendance at the Agawam Senior Center, I am aware of the issues.

"My wife Peg and I are caring for my dear mother, who turned 89 this year. The issues of transportation, adult day care, recreation, and others are more than just rhetoric, they are a part of our daily lives. As a community we must insure that our senior citizens are given the tools and the facilities to enjoy their retirement. These are the people that have contributed so much to our society. Now it is our turn to help provide the means for these people to enjoy a fulfilling life in their later years. We need to learn from their wisdom and utilize their expertise in helping to solve some of our challenges.

"As a growing community, we need to renew our commitment to public safety, both police and fire. We can not provide real security and safety unless we augment the two departments with more manpower and modern tools to get the job done.



COUNCIL CANDIDATE KENT P. SERVIS

"Our tax base needs to be expanded. The homeowner and the existing small business owner can not shoulder much more of a burden, yet municipal costs keep rising. We need to attract community-compatible industry to our industrial Parks.

"Existing businesses need to know that the Town of Agawam is seeking to be an active partner in promoting a climate conducive to the free flow of commerce. Comprehensive zoning review must be made, fine tuned, and finally passed into law so that the present divisive issues will not happen again.

"I am currently working on a change to the eminent domain law, at the state level. The change would prohibit the government from offering the property owner less money for the property than it was assessed for taxes. Sometimes, the fix to a seemingly big problem is simply common sense and a few carefully chosen words.

"Your elected officials are just that. They are ***your*** elected representatives. These are the people that you have entrusted to protect ***your*** interests.

"This year, there will be two vacancies on the Council. The voters must elect at least two new people to represent them. I believe that I can affect positive change in our local government, make our local government more 'user friendly,' and help shape the policy that will carry us into the next century.

"I pledge to work hard in making the correct decisions to guide our town, and ask that you, the citizen and voter, invest one of your 11 votes for council with me. Please pull lever 19A. Thank you," concluded Servis.

Mayoral Candidate Stieg Discusses Tax Rates In Agawam

"I, like my fellow Agawam taxpayers, received my new tax bill this week," said Karl Stieg, candidate for Mayor of Agawam, in a campaign statement. "This is an opportune time to consider the terrible performance of the current administration in regard to keeping our real estate taxes low.

"The current Mayor uses every budget cycle to brag about the fact that he has been able to **increase** our taxes less than Proposition 2½ allows. While I will never claim to be a mathematician, my simple arithmetic tells me that during this mayor's term, our taxes have increased by a total of **27.8 percent.** If the average home in Agawam is valued at approximately $120,000, the 27.8 percent jump would mean an increase of approximately $410.00 per year in taxes for the average homeowner. I don't feel that that is a record that he should be boasting about," Stieg said.

"As bad as the increase appears on the surface, it is even worse when you consider what we all have to show for it. The mayor has found time to fund the purchase of a golf course and a fancy computer system for the Town Hall but he hasn't been able to adequately fund our educational system.

"He can't seem to find the funds to buy the books or supplies that our children need. He can't supply a late bus on most days or a strings teacher on any day. Our Middle School is left without a guidance counselor but our golf course is not without an irrigation system. Even now he is proposing to purchase an additional 14 acres of useless wetlands with the hope that he might get the state to pay for it. We begin to wonder, though, because he still has not showed us the state guarantees to fund his last purchase of Tuckahoe Turf Farm. We have to question his priorities.

"If the citizens of Agawam were getting the leadership and support necessary to fund the priority items in our community, we all might be willing to pay a bit extra in taxes. But to increase every homeowner's tax bill by more than $400 so that he can fund his pet projects while our children's education is left to suffer is simply unacceptable.

"A final point which makes 'tax bill time' a particularly apt time to question the record of the mayor," said Stieg, "is to recall that less than a year ago, this mayor asked for and, not surprisingly, received a reevaluation on his large piece of property in Feeding Hills Center. The reevaluation lowered his assessment by $147,700 and **his tax bill went down by more than $3,000 per year!** The assessed value of two parcels of land owned by the mayor at 23 and 39 Southwick Street, the current home of LANDMARK REALTORS, was lowered from $632,800 to $485,100, resulting in his tax bill being reduced from $12,425 to $9,362.

"There seems to be a gross injustice in a situation where the average citizen's tax bills rise every year but the mayor's drops by more than $3,000," concluded Stieg.

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CANDIDATE VENETTA SNYDER

Former School Comm. Member Seeks Election To School Committee

Venetta Snyder cites her previous 10 years of experience on the School Committee and her proven commitment to the youth and to education in Agawam as qualifications for seeking election to the Agawam School Committee.

In announcing her candidacy, Mrs. Snyder stated, "I believe the new Education Reform Act has challenged every school board to establish higher academic achievement for all students, and to establish sound fiscal funding priorities within their community. They should do this by providing clear, consistent, and accurate information to parents and taxpayers."

She continued, "The paramount goal of the School Committee should be to provide an educational system of meaningful quality that extends to ALL children the opportunity to reach their full potential."

In conclusion, Mrs. Snyder stated, "I ask you, the voters, for your support to once again allow me the opportunity to work for you in meeting this challenge and reaching these goals."

Skolnick Seeks Reelection To Agawam City Council

In a press release issued this week, City Council candidate David Skolnick says his experience in Agawam schools and government makes him an excellent councilor.

Skolnick served the council for four years before being elected Illustrious Potentate of the Shriners Melha Temple in 1990. Incidentally, he was the first Agawam Shriner to be elected Potentate in 100 years.

Shriners voted for him from Worcester in the east through Pittsfield in the west ... over 3,000 of them! Then he was elected again to the Agawam City Council (1994-1995).

Skolnick served the Agawam Public Schools for 35 years as a guidance director, work study director, and school psychologist. In 1947, he became the city's vocational agriculture director and the Future Farmers of America advisor.

As a result of his leadership, Agawam High School was awarded the National Gold Emblem Chapter Award for three years for having the best chapter in our nation.

He also served as an elected town meeting member for 12 years, and was elected Precinct 3 captain for six years.

Skolnick said he understands the problems that all segments of the community are facing. "I will be a tireless worker and will do my best for the town, not for special interests or groups, but to help the town maintain its character."

In addition, he said he will strive to make sure city departments such as the library, Police and Fire Departments, and the D.P.W. are properly funded.

Skolnick was elected president of the Agawam Education Association, president of the Agawam Council of PTAs, president of the Robinson Park PTA, and president of the Agawam Trestle Board Club. He also served as Chairman of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee, and Chairman of the Western Massachusetts Multi-Cultural Awareness Task Force Against Discrimination.



COUNCILOR DAVID SKOLNICK

Skolnick was elected President of B'nai B'rith for three terms, and Commander of Jewish War Veterans of America twice. He is a veteran of World War II and served his country in the South Pacific area of combat for three years.

His hobbies are teaching karate and giving lectures and demonstrations on "handwriting analysis." Hundreds of Agawam citizens have benefited from these lectures and demonstrations over the years.

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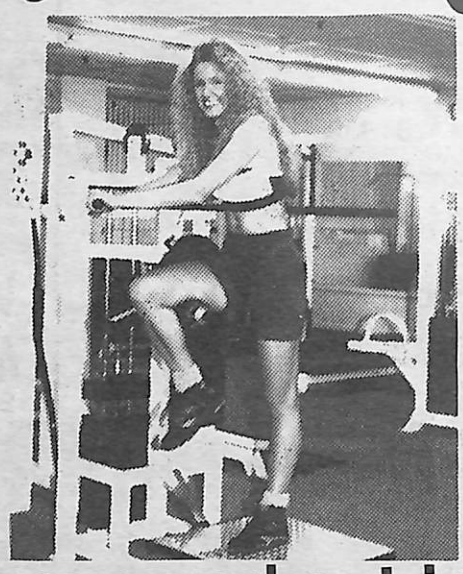
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Town Council asked us to print the name, address, and phone number of each council member the first of every month. Please clip & save.

Candidate Louis Russo Declares His Support For Seniors' Services

"Because of my close relationship with many of Agawam's seniors, I feel I have a thorough understanding of elderly needs and concerns," said City Council candidate Louis Russo in a recent campaign statement.

"I am very proud of my long and continued service to Agawam's senior citizens. Caring for our seniors is the least we can do. Remember, they are the ones who worked hard to improve Agawam. It is not what the younger generation is doing, it is what the elder population did.

"It is time to get serious about providing additional housing, transportation, and other services to our elderly. We must also make certain that those charged with directing the Senior Center treat the seniors with respect and understanding. As a regular visitor, I have assisted in many ways at the Senior Center.

"I have provided programs, trips, speakers, and seminars. As a 'Friend of the Senior Center,' I have assisted in their fundraising efforts. I am happy to also be an associate member of the 'Agawam Senior Olympic Team,' and I have helped with their fundraising and provided transportation for the team.

"Unfortunately, most town officials only talk about helping seniors. Too many of our elected officials seem to think that the elderly exist only at election time. They only visit the Senior Center because it is politically expedient. Our seniors should ask themselves when the last time was that these elected officials stopped in at the Center just to say hello.

"I am proud that many of Agawam's seniors look upon me as their advocate and come to me when they are ignored by town officials. It is an injustice for an official to ignore the elderly or tell a senior citizen that there is nothing they can do for them.

"I am proud that, in most cases, I have been able to get results for them. As a member of the City Council, I will be able to do so much more," said Russo.

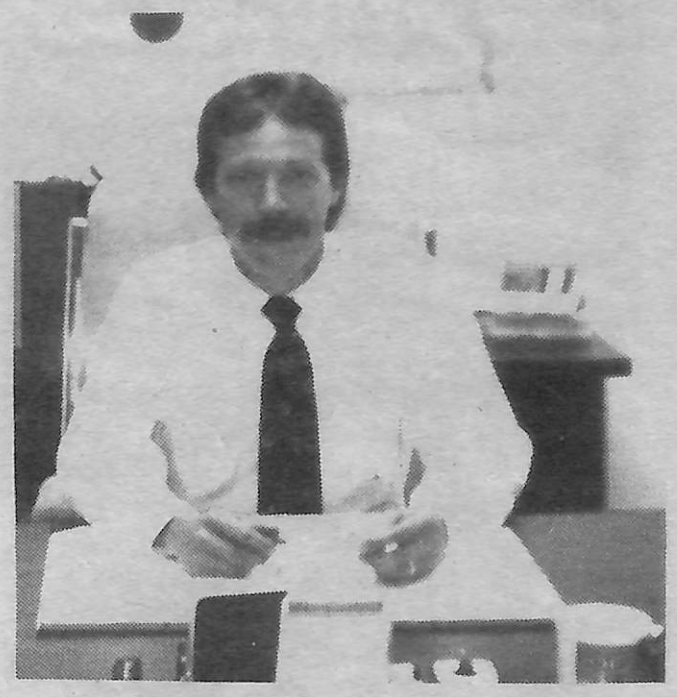
Mayoral Candidate Stieg To Hold Coffee Hours

Agawam mayoral candidate Karl Stieg invites you to attend one of the coffee hours listed below.

He would like to meet you and talk about issues concerning all. Please come and get your questions answered.

Hosting the coffee hours are Debbie Sommer, 98 Princeton Ave., October 14th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; and Judes Ziemba, Cross Generations, Inc., 83 Industrial Ave. (above Richie's Air Conditioning), October 17th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

WE ARE CLOSED on Monday, Columbus Day. We will reopen on Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Please make sure all ads, press releases, etc., are in by noontime.



COUNCIL CANDIDATE DENNIS J. PERRY

Dennis J. Perry Declares Candidacy For City Council

"As a candidate for City Council, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the voters of Agawam," said Dennis J. Perry in a recent campaign statement.

"My name is Dennis Perry. I am a lifelong resident of Agawam. I currently reside at 466 North West St., Feeding Hills. My wife, Ann Marie, and I are the proud parents of three daughters; Jessica (16), Elizabeth (11), and Samantha (6), all of whom attend Agawam schools.

"I am General Manager of Balzers Tool Coating, located in Agawam's Industrial Park. I feel that when someone makes a decision to run for public office, that decision has come after a great deal of soul searching. To begin with, one must ask, 'Can I bring about change that will benefit the people of our community?'

"'Can I stay informed of all the issues that come up on a yearly, monthly, weekly, and daily basis?' 'Can I look at the youth of our community, the elderly, and my peers and say to them that I will always work to provide them with the types of services that will maintain and improve their quality of life?'

"'Lasty, can I get the people of Agawam to believe in me, and to trust in me'?

"I promise you this—if elected, I will do everything in my power as councilor to support our school system, develop positive youth programs, increase services to our elderly, to promote positive business growth, and to work with all city officials using a strong common sense approach, to give back to the residents of Agawam the confidence and respect they deserve in their local government.

"Please consider me for your vote on November 7th," concluded Perry.

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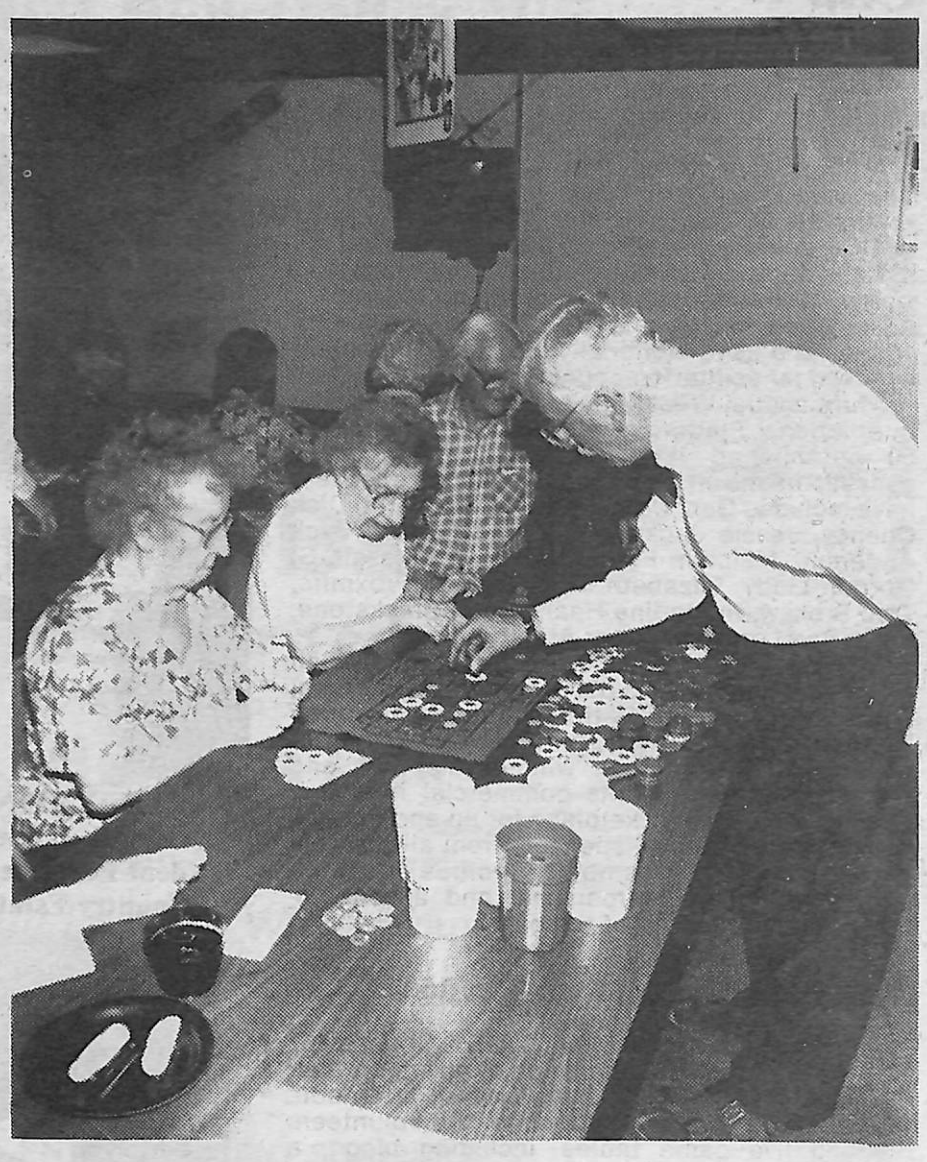
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IN PHOTO LEFT, participating in the "Day Of Caring" at Heritage Hall Nursing Home are residents Catherine Kelley and Amelia Bednarz; IN PHOTO RIGHT, WGBY employee Roy Scott serves as a dealer at a bingo game in the Heritage Hall North Building as sisters Alice LaFlamme and Alma Gamache participate in the fun. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Day Of Caring At Heritage Hall Observed On Sept. 15th

On September 15th, Heritage Hall West and North buildings were transformed into a party atmosphere, by participating in a unique United Way program called "Day of Caring" (DOC).

The Community United Way of Pioneer Valley recruits people from local corporations and businesses to participate by volunteering at area health, education, and human service agencies. Site projects were as numerous in their creativity as in their numbers.

Volunteers arrived at the West and North buildings for the afternoon with high spirits and enthusiasm. Three students from Massachusetts Career Development Institute (MCDI) assisted the West Activities staff in putting on a mini carnival for the residents. Approximately 30 residents competed in five games such as ring toss, bean bag toss, basketball throw, penny toss, and bullseye. Each resident received a balloon and the crowd cheered them on during the competition. Everyone received a certificate and points were tallied for first, second, and third place.

West residents enjoyed the healthy, competitive spirit, and the volunteers. One resident commented, "The students took time to introduce themselves to everyone. They were interested in getting to know us."

At the same time, people walking into the North building might have thought they were in Atlantic City, with the DOC theme being "Monte Carlo." Staff wore black and white, and the building was filled with streamers and casino decorations like huge dice and playing cards.

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J. Patrick Decoteau Elected As Member Of International Asso.

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A professor at Springfield College, Mr. Decoteau is a special needs educator and advocate. He is listed in *Who's Who in the East,* is a USDOE Peer Reviewer, is on the National Council of Rehabilitation Education Research Committee, was a 1995 National Rehabilitation Counseling Association Master's and Doctoral Scholarship Judge, and is a nationally certified and state licensed rehabilitation counselor.

At its annual Washington D.C. convention, the International Platform Association attracts 40 to 50 established lecturers and distinguished spokespersons in their fields. Recent speakers have included Gen. Colin Powell, Ross Perot, Dick Cheney, Jessie Jackson, Nanette Fabray, Jack Anderson, Malcolm Forbes, Jr., Mark Russell, G. Gordon Liddy, Elizabeth Dole, William Proxmire, Tom Brokaw, Bernadine Healy, Harry Blackstone, Betty Bao Lord, and Peter Arnett.

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HERITAGE HALL - from Page 15...

Eight staff members from WGBY Channel 57 heartily accepted the challenge of giving up their day jobs to become "dealers" for an afternoon. Also dressed in black and white, the volunteers manned five game tables, including bingo, a roulette wheel, horse racing, chug-a-lug, and blackjack. In true casino fashion, residents placed their bets and winners received "money" redeemable for prizes at the end of the day. The WGBY volunteers looked like naturals as they dealt and dolled out money. One was even an amateur magician who amazed the residents with his card tricks. A great time was had by all...

Kathy Fila, North Activity Director, always wanted to pull off a "Monte Carlo" event, but just didn't have the manpower. DOC volunteers solved that. North residents were beaming when asked about the project.

"It's the best thing that's ever happened here—it was like 'Wheel of Fortune'—they made it come alive."

Another resident added, "Everyone was smiling and having fun. The volunteers showed us they really cared." A big thank you to all the DOC volunteers from MCDI and WGBY, and to the United Way for making this magical day possible.

For all the local news, AAN!!!

Hat Day Held At Country Estates



PARTICIPATING IN THE RECENT HAT DAY at Country Estates Rehab Facility are (back row) - Helen Manning, activities department; Jeanne Hoffman, Agawam Library; and resident Edwidge Longo. Front row - Laura Hardina, Irma Dufresne, and Blanche Conroy, all Country Estates residents. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COUNTRY ESTATES REHAB FACILTY residents participating in Hat Day on September 15th include (back row) - Gregor Czopenko, Ruth Atkinson, and Armando Dellaguistina. Front - Anne Henderick, Anna Driscoll, Josephine DePalma, and Helen Selima. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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- Next, provide the dispatcher with the address of the fire and the nearest cross street, if known. If you are in an unfamiliar area when you discover a fire and are unsure of the address, try to give the dispatcher specific landmarks, such as the name on an adjacent building, that will help the fire department locate the fire.
- Stay on the telephone until the dispatcher completes the questioning and disconnects the call.
- In the event of a medical emergency, stay calm and give the dispatcher as much information as possible as to the nature of the medical emergency. Many dispatchers have special emergency medical training and may be able to provide you with some lifesaving techniques to use until emergency help arrives.

Emergency calls made the right way help save lives. False emergency calls made as a joke are crimes that cost lives.

False alarms tie up emergency telephone lines and endanger emergency personnel driving to the scene. Many dispatchers tape and trace incoming calls, and this can help apprehend those calling in false alarms.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 9th: Senior Center closed (Columbus Day).

Tuesday, October 10th: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, peas, Canadian oat bread, baked apple with raisins.

Wednesday, October 11th: Apple juice, shepherd's pie, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, date bar.

Thursday, October 12th: Cream of broccoli soup, chicken cutlet on roll, lettuce, tomato, canned peaches.

Friday, October 13th: Baked fish, pasta primavera, mixed vegetables, rye bread, canned mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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This presentation will be given on Monday, October 16th, 7:00 p.m., at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam.

Navy Petty Officer Peter R. Desrosiers Completes Hull Testing Mission

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Peter R. Desrosiers, son of Eloi and Marilyn Desrosiers of 125 Doane Avenue, Agawam, recently completed hull testing with the mine countermeasures ship *USS Osprey* homeported in Ingleside, Texas.

Desrosiers was one of 50 sailors aboard *USS Osprey* who participated in the shock trials at the Underwater Explosion Test Facility at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. The 188-foot-long ship is the world's largest glass-reinforced plastic ship, as well as the first U.S. Navy ship to be designed solely for mine hunting.

USS Osprey's mission is to clear harbor, coastal, and ocean waters of acoustic, magnetic, and pressure/contact type mines. Due to these dangers, the unique hull of Desrosiers' ship was made to absorb the violent shock of an underwater mine explosion. Desrosiers and the *USS Osprey* crew used the shock trials to determine the effects of an explosion on the structure and internal systems of the ship.

Desrosiers' participation in the testing underscores the importance of select training for the Navy's newest forces. Mine countermeasures ships such as Desrosiers' are used in battle to clear the way so other Navy ships can move more easily across enemy waters.

The 1993 graduate of Agawam High School joined the Navy in September 1993.

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12:00 - 1:30 "The Younger Brothers" Acoustic Folk/Rock
1:30 - 2:30 Ice Sculpting Demonstration
1:40 - 2:00 "The Karate Shop" Karate Demonstration
2:15 - 3:00 Riverside "Friends In Harmony" Big Band Theme
3:15 - 4:00 Hampden House Choir

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Craft Vendors (approximately 100 contacted)
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- "Jan's Kitchen": coffee, ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, soda
- Hallmark Vending: soda, spring water, juice, snack items
- South Employees: cotton candy
- Heritage Hall Residents: donuts, cider, pies

Cranker's Antique Car Show
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Clowns — Magpie the Clown, Agawam Senior Games
Pony Rides $1.00 ride
Forest Park "Zoo-On-The-Go"
Scholarship Raffles
- Atlantic City trip for two: 3 days, 2 nights, transportation, hotel
- New England Patriots tickets: Dec. 3 vs. Saints
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- Brightside For Families and Children: balloon giveaway
- Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council: face painting, activities booth, games for children, candy apples
- Agawam Senior Athletes: sell candy, calendars as fundraiser
- Massachusetts Senior Games: senior athletes demonstration
- Greyhound Rescue League: greyhound demonstration
- M.S.P.C.A.: shelter animals, display items
- Agawam Historical Association: various artifacts on display
- Foster Memorial Church: cookbook sale
- AARP: selling t-shirts, display booth
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BABY JULIA ROSE VAN DYK

Julia Rose First Child Of Van Dyks of Iowa

John and Christina Van Dyk of Ames, Iowa recently became parents of their first child, Julia Rose Van Dyk. She was born on June 14, 1995, weighing eight pounds, two ounces and measuring 20½ inches long.

Proud grandparents are John and Susan Van Dyk of Sioux Center, Iowa, and William and Rosalie Walsh of Agawam, MA.

Julia recently traveled with her mother to Western Massachusetts to make the acquaintance of her five cousins and several aunts and uncles who live in the area.

Our deadline is Tuesday at noon!

Pvt. Michael P. Spiriti Completes Army Field Artillery Course

Army Pvt. Michael P. Spiriti has completed the basic field artillery cannoneer course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

During the course, students were taught the duties of a Howitzer or gun section crewman. They also received instruction in communications, maintenance, and the handling of ammunition and explosives.

Spiriti is the son of Joseph V. Spiriti of 703 Barry Street, Feeding Hills.

He graduated in 1993 from Agawam High School.

Open Pantry Needs Cold Weather Items As Soon As Possible

With the coming of fall, the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry is in need of some cold weather items. Especially needed are blankets, long underwear, and knit hats and mittens for adults and children.

Also needed are towels, sheets, pillows, and paper and plastic grocery bags.

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry provides emergency food to over 300 families in Agawam and West Springfield a month and serves 2,000 meals; 150 families receive clothing each month.

The Pantry depends on donations to help low income families and is grateful for the community support. Individuals may call 734-7969 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for more information or deliver the needed items to 1023 Main Street, West Springfield.

AHS Class Of 1976 Planning Reunion

Agawam High School's class of 1976 is now forming a planning committee for its 20-year reunion.

Any class members interested in helping out are requested to call Jon Lund at 786-6028 and leave a message.

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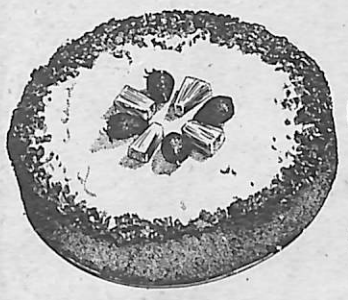
David and Laura Larocque of Gardner, MA, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie Larocque, to Peter Anthony Souders, son of Gerald and Margaret Souders of 13 Kellogg Avenue, Feeding Hills.

A June 22, 1996 wedding is planned.

The future bride graduated from Gardner High School, Becker College of Worcester with an Associate's degree in Accounting, and continued her education at Bentley College in Waltham, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. She is currently working as a Cost Accountant in Woburn, MA.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate from Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College with an Associate's degree in Electrical Engineering. He is currently employed as a Systems Engineer at FCP Technologies in Waltham, MA.

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Shelley M. Borgatti Weds Douglas E. Reed

Shelley M. Borgatti and Douglas E. Reed were married on August 18, 1995. Reverend Jonathan Tetherley officiated the ceremony, which took place at the Meeting House in Storrowton Village. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Carriage House in West Springfield.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Borgatti of Franklin Street, Feeding Hills. The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reed of South Hadley, MA.

Donna Ramah attended the bride as her maid of honor. Bridal attendants were Ms. Lana Loss, Ms. Darcy (Mercadante) Uzdilla, Ms. Tracy Magistri, and Ms. Jenna Rolandini. Flower girls were Ms. Brittany Ramah and Ms. Janelle Uzdilla.

The bride's brother, Edward P. Borgatti, served as best man. Ushers were Mr. Fred Lord, Mr. Richard Dupuis, and Mr. Josiah Reed. Ring bearer was Kyle Reed.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College. She is employed as a federal employee with the Department of Defense in East Hartford, CT.

The bridegroom is a graduate of South Hadley High School and is employed at Milton Bradley Company in East Longmeadow, MA.

The couple honeymooned in San Francisco, California. They now reside at 10 Shelley Lane in Feeding Hills.

Sweatshirt Sale Slated By Ag. Lioness Club

The Agawam Lioness Club will hold a sweatshirt sale on Wednesday, October 18th, at the Captain Leonard House from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Sweatshirts, tee-shirts, and active wear will be available. All proceeds go to charity.

Recently, Bernice Burton and Rosemarie Maniscalco accepted, on behalf of the Lioness Club, a plaque of appreciation for the club's continuing support of Camp Rainbow.

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Tammy Nardi Becomes Bride Of Robert Martin At St. John's Church

Tammy L. Nardi and Robert D. Martin, Jr. were united in marriage on September 15, 1995 at St. John's Church in Agawam. Father John Sheaffer officiated the ceremony. A reception at Collegian Court in Chicopee followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Nardi of Feeding Hills. The bridegroom is the son of Judy Martin of Feeding Hills.

Kim Pirnie attended her sister as matron of honor. Christopher Martin, brother of the groom, served as best man.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School. She is self-employed as a medical transcriptionist and works for Catuogno Transcription Service in Springfield, MA.

The groom attended Agawam High School. He is a machine gunner and an engineer specialist in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. He is also employed with Country Estates of Agawam.

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AIRMAN JENNIFER S. BLAISDELL

Airman Blaisdell Graduates Basic At Lackland AFB

Air Force Airman Jennifer S. Blaisdell has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Blaisdell is the daughter of Lorraine Eckman and stepdaughter of Andrew Eckman of 431 Parker Street, East Longmeadow.

Her father, Phillip Blaisdell Jr., and stepmother, Phyllis Blaisdell, reside at 64 Anthony Street, Agawam.

She is a 1994 graduate of East Longmeadow High School.

Agawam Garden Club Has Hands-On-Night At Oct. 10th Meeting

Agawam Garden Club members will have a hands-on craft night at their meeting of October 10th at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street.

Patterns will be provided and members will make colonial holiday decorations with which to decorate the Village Schoolhouse of the Storrowton Village in West Springfield for the Village's annual holiday festival in December.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. and a social will follow.

Scout Troop 78 To Sponsor Dance For Halloween

Troop 78 will sponsor a "Halloween Dance" with Good Vibrations on Friday, October 13th (yes, Friday the 13th!) at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

The dance will feature DJ Henry Tessier, and will run from 7:00 p.m. 'til midnight. Donation is $5 with costume, $7 without costume.

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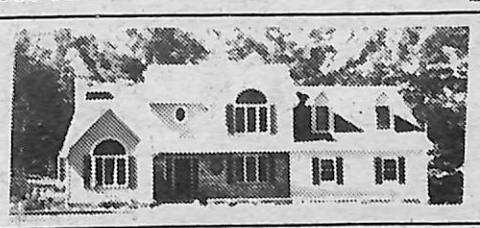
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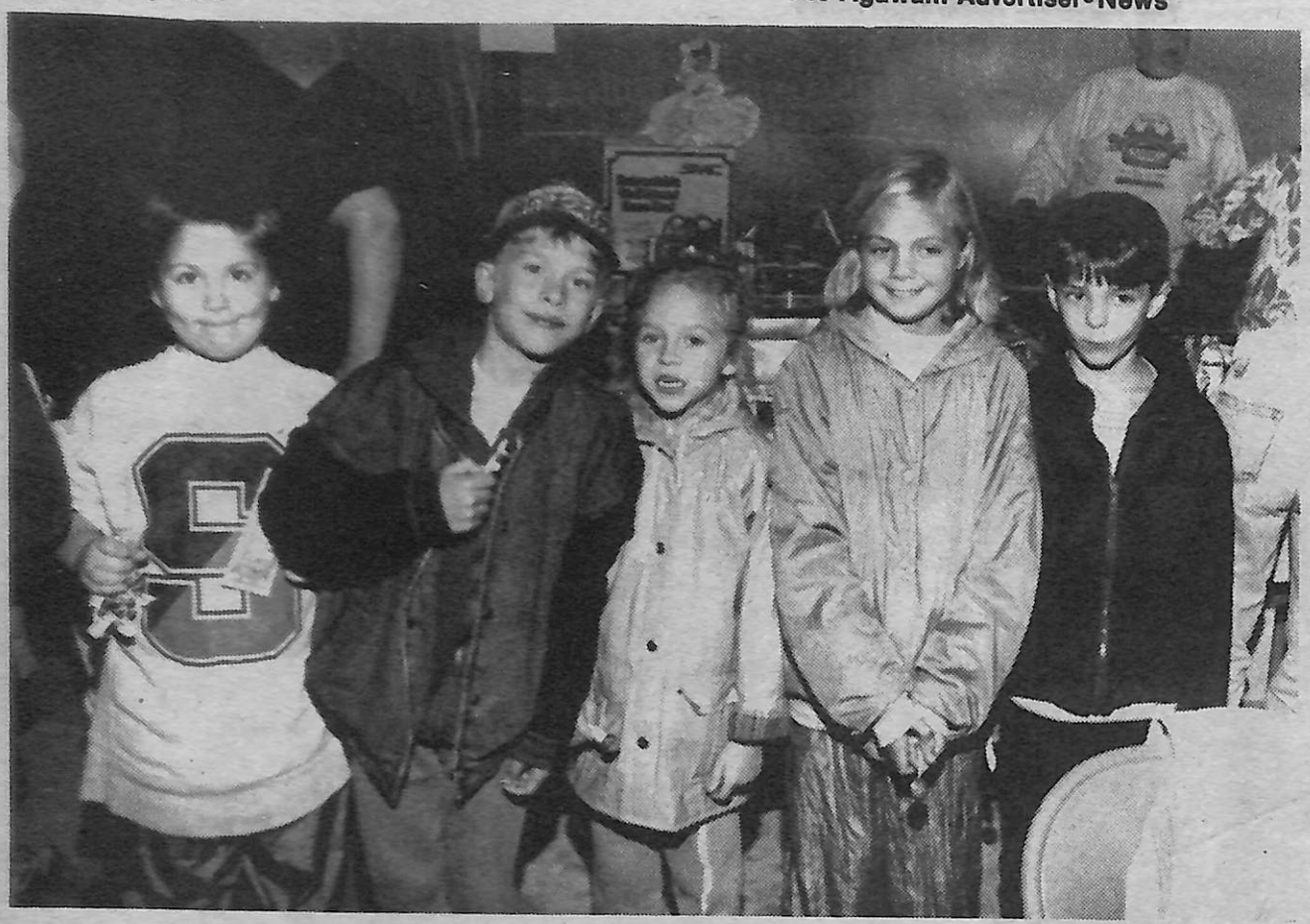
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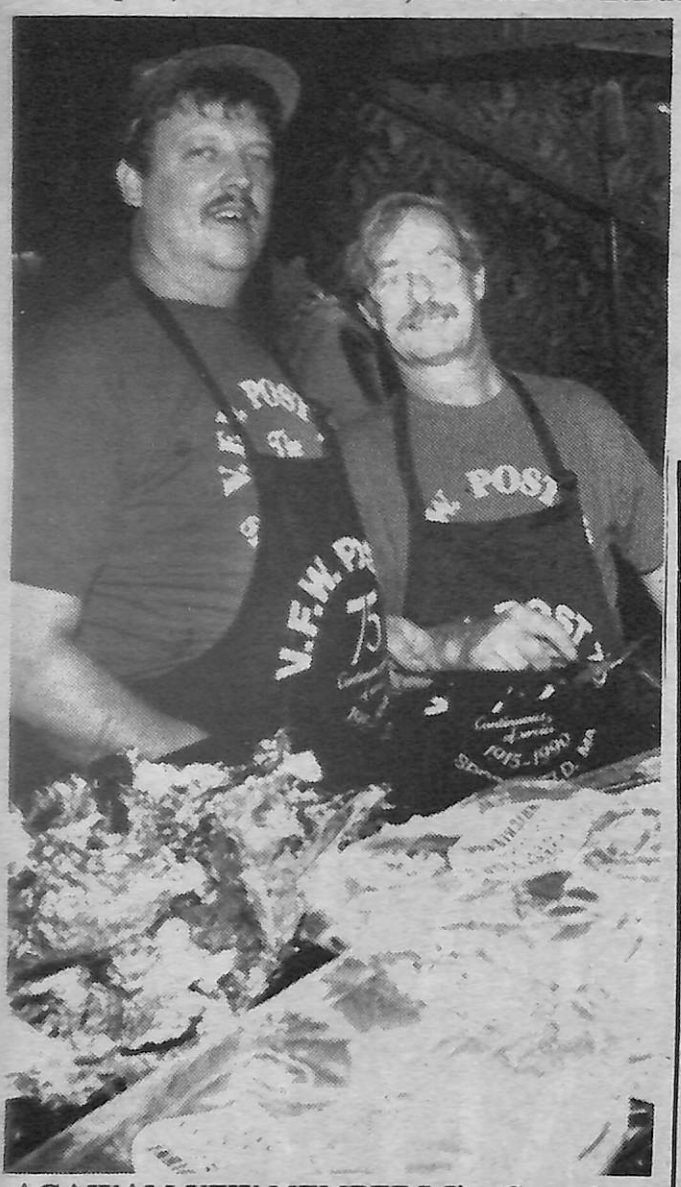


SOME OF THE YOUNGSTERS who attended the recent VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Picnic at the VFW Pavilion on South Street included, from left - John Mai, Tommy Jacques, Lisa Jacques, Jennifer LeDuc, and Andrew LeDuc. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PICTURED AT THE VFW Picnic on September 17th are members Shirley Lascala, Barbara Rattelle, and Dorothy Gates. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM VFW MEMBERS Jim Cummings and Ed Mercure were two of the chief chefs at the Annual VFW Picnic at September 17th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Rain Can't Spoil Good Spirits At Annual VFW Picnic

The rain did not dampen the spirits of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary when they held their family picnic at the Agawam Pavilion.

District 7 President Mary Driscoll and Commander William Shea welcomed the members and they all found dry places to sit and enjoy the hot dogs and hamburgers that were served all day.

Later in the day, they had a choice of steak or chicken with their baked potato and corn. Plenty of hot coffee was consumed that day. Patricia Mercure and Paul Delaney were co-chairpersons for this event.

The picnic raises funds that will be used later for the Dept. of Mass. donations under the direction of Diane Delloiacono, State President of Ladies Auxiliary to VFW.

Santos Family Proud Of First Child, Derek James

Mr. & Mrs. George Santos of 44 Clark St., Wilmington, Mass. announce the birth of their first child, Derek James.

Derek was born on September 20, 1995 and weighed seven pounds, seven ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ziemba of 24 Tracy Drive, Agawam and Mr. & Mrs. Getulio Santos of 85 Plymouth Rd Malden, Mass.

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During sleep, some liquid stays in the baby's mouth. This exposes the teeth for long periods to acids created by the liquid's sugar. Serious tooth decay that results, often painful, is known as Baby Bottle Mouth. If a bedtime bottle is desired, make it water. Avoid other prolonged exposure of the teeth to sugar. Don't dip a pacifier in honey, syrup or other surgary liquid.

Although primary teeth are temporary, they are needed in sound condition so the growing baby can chew. Also, severe damage to these teeth can have an effect on permanent teeth. If you have questions about maintaining the well-being of your baby's teeth, consult the dentist.

MOUTHRINSES

Q. How effective are mouthrinses?

A. If the purpose is to freshen the breath, some mouthrinses are more effective than others—for short-term results. One study comparing many brands found that none did well at masking bad breath two hours after rinsing. Bad breath sometimes results from choices we make, such as using tobacco, alcoholic drinks, garlic or onions. It also may be produced by gum disease or other disorders.

Some mouthrinse labels claim they help to fight plaque. Some of these claims have had to be withdrawn or toned down. Only a few qualify for the "Accepted" seal of the American Dental Association. These mouthrinses may help to control plaque, but are no substitute for brushing, floosing and regular professional cleanings. At your next checkup, review with the dentist the role of mouthrinses in your daily routine of teeth care.

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Crochet Club At Country Estates



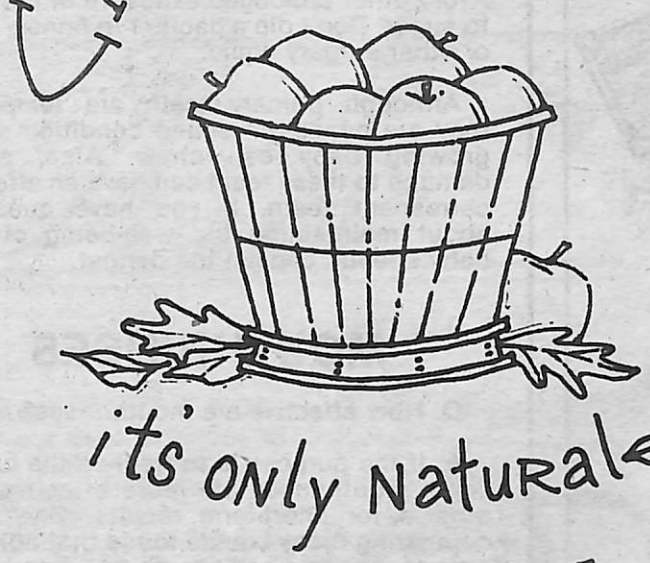
OVER AT COUNTRY ESTATES REHAB FACILITY on Suffield Street, residents Anne Hendrick, Edith Graham, and Anna Driscoll are members of the "Crochet Club." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Firemen At Fitness First Nursery



AGAWAM FIREFIGHTERS recently paid a visit to the nursery at Fitness First Health & Racquet Club in Feeding Hills to show the kids what's in an ambulance and how fire engines work. And the kids were wide-eyed throughout the program.

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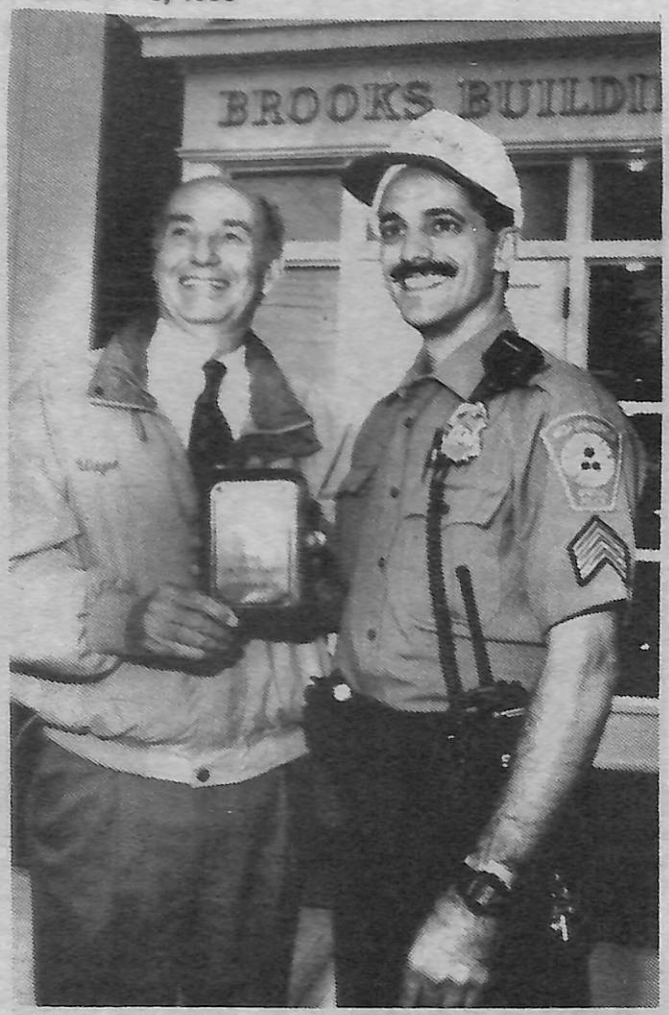
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SGT. ROBERT DELUCA of Agawam was honored on Sept. 18th as the "Host of the Day" at THE BIG E by BIG E President Wayne McCary.

Robert Deluca Tabbed "Host Of The Day" By THE BIG E

Sgt. Robert Deluca of Agawam received The Big E Host of the Day award September 18th by Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary. Deluca, a Sergeant in the Security department at The Big E, oversees the entrance at The Big E Circus, under the Big Top, sponsored by Coca-Cola.

The Host of the Day award recognizes employees, volunteers, and other members of The Big E family who examplify the Fair's philosophy of positive customer relations. It has been part of the Exposition's customer service program since 1989, established for individuals who go "above and beyond the call" in their interactions with fairgoers. Deluca was selected from more than 1,500 personnel working this year at The Big E.

Deluca has been working for The Big E's Security department for six years and was promoted to Sergeant two years ago. In addition to working at The Big E, Deluca owns "3D Marketing and Sales," a wholesale food company, and is an instructor at the Agawam Police Academy where he teaches a course in Police Officer Stress Awareness. Deluca also works as a volunteer for the West Springfield Special Police which provides officers for The Big E Security team.

Deluca received an engraved plaque and 1995 Big E commemorative gifts at the surprise presentation. "Bob has The Big E attitude all the time, even through the rain," McCary said. Deluca's pleasant and courteous attitude toward fairgoers and fellow employees makes him the perfect candidate for this award.

Vickie Natale Named "Host Of The Day" By THE BIG E

Vickie Natale of Agawam was presented The Big E Host of the Day award September 23rd, by Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary. Natale, who has worked at The Big E for more than 10 years, is a sales representative in the Visitor's Center East Souvenir booth.

The Host of the Day award recognizes employees, volunteers, and other members of The Big E family who exemplify the Fair's philosphy of positive customer relations. It has been awarded since 1989 to one individual each day who goes "beyond the call" in his or her interactions with fairgoers. Natale was selected from more than 3,500 personnel working this year at The Big E.

The Agawam resident and native of Springfield has worked at Eastern States Exposition since 1983. She also volunteers her time at Brightside For Families and Children in West Springfield.

She received an engraved plaque and 1995 Big E commemorative gifts at the surprise presentation. "Vickie Natale is the kind of person we refer to when we talk about The Big E spirit," said McCary. "Her friendly attitude and hospitality to our Fair guests is exemplary. Her rapport with the public has contributed to the success of The Big E for over 10 years," said McCary at the ceremony which was attended by Fair officers, managers, and Natale's co-workers.



VICKIE NATALE of Agawam was honored as the Sept. 23rd "Host of the Day" at THE BIG E by BIG E President Wayne McCary.

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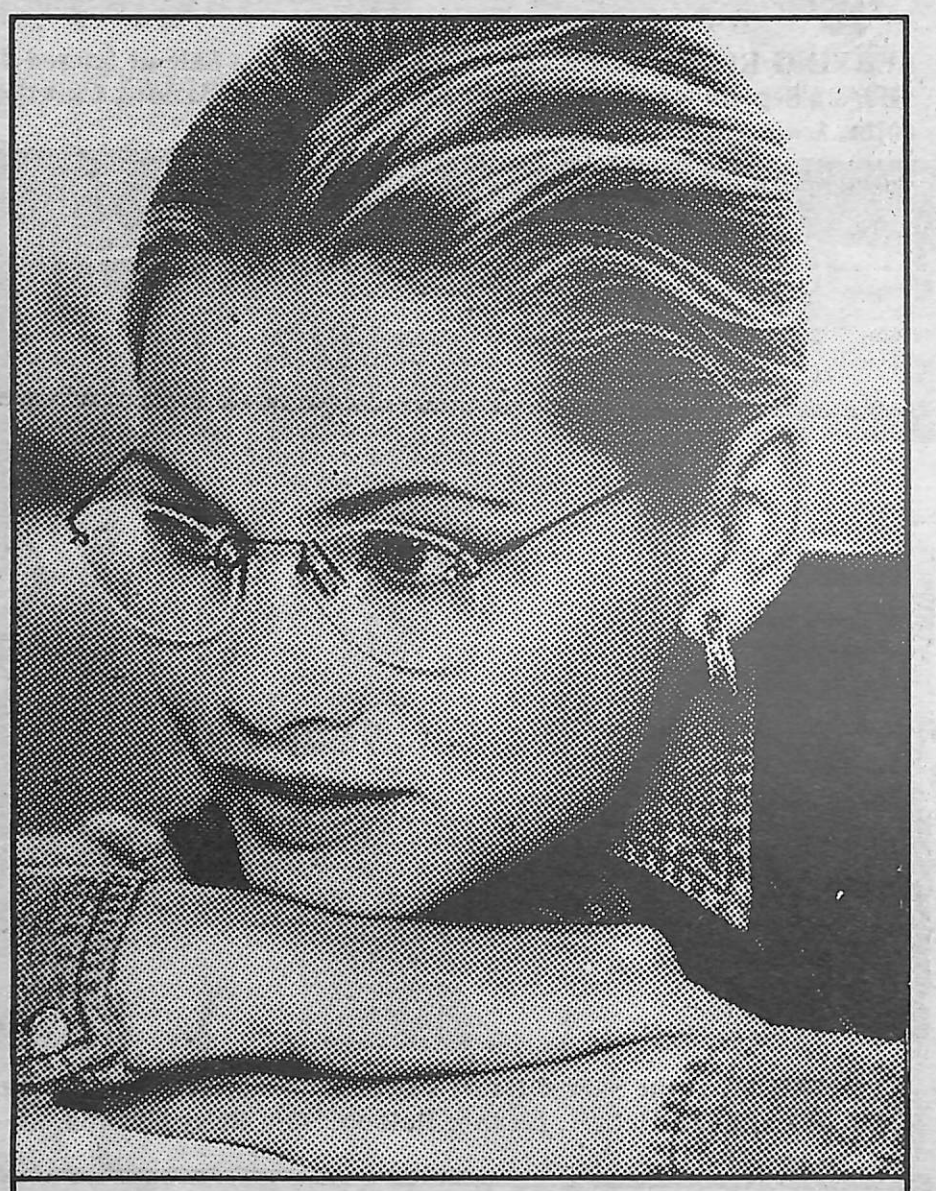
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SERVING REFRESHMENTS at the Annual Tag Sale at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills on September 16th are Mary Melloni, Theresa Barlow, Carol Pignatare, and Linda Parrotta. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JESSICA and NICHOLE CIRCOSTA-ASPINALL participated in the Sept. 16th Tag Sale at Sacred Heart Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ALL SMILES at the Sacred Heart Tag Sale on another beautiful September day (16th) were, from left - Lillian Hebert, Eleanor Balboni, and Betsy Ciempa. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Adoration Society To Meet Oct. 6th At St. John's

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint John's Church, Main Street, Agawam, to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, October 6th from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

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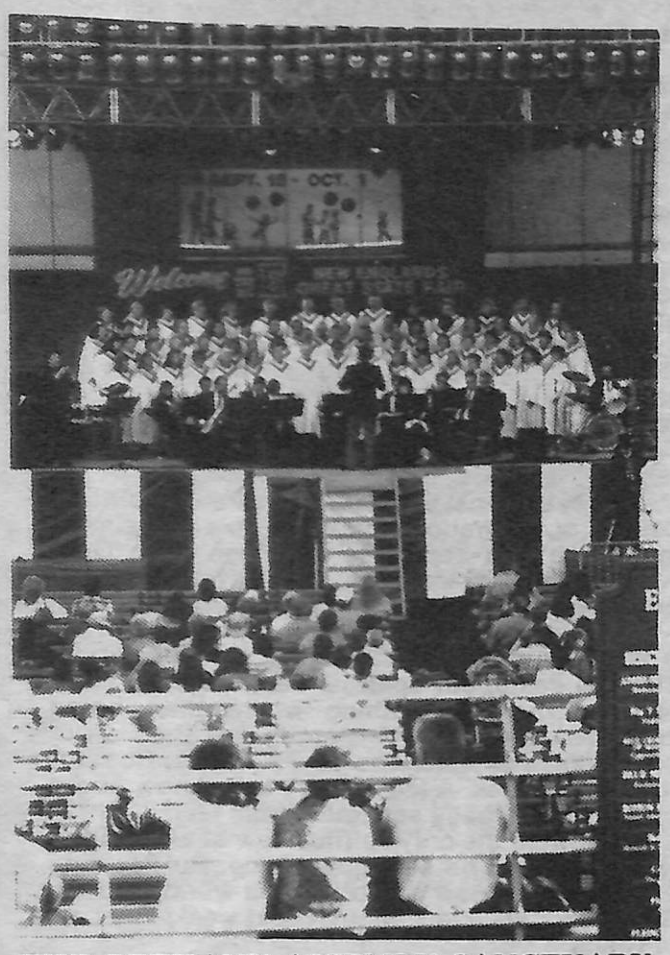
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Bethany At BIG E



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Tickets Available For Friends/COA Dinner

Tickets are now available for the annual Friends/Council on Aging Dinner. The banquet will be held on Thursday, October 12, 1995, at Chez Josef.

The social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Guests will have a choice of meals: Chicken Florentine, Roast Beef au Jus, or Baked Boston Scrod.

The cost of tickets is $20 per person, and tickets are available at the Agawam Senior Center, from Friends Board members, and from the members of the Agawam Council on Aging.

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Operation Friendship Slates Roast Beef Dinner For Oct. 14th

A roast beef dinner hosted by Operation Friendship of America will be held on Saturday, October 14th, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost for adults is $7; $3.75 for children under 12 years of age; and free for children under five years of age.

For reservations, call Kathy Rose at 786-0195 or Chris Mangano at 789-3128. If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name and number of reservations.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Harvest Smorgasbord At Agawam Baptist Church On October 7th

A Harvest Smorgasbord, with all the foods associated with the fall season, will be served to the public by the Agawam Baptist Church on October 7th.

There will be servings at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m. Reservations can be made by telephoning 786-8209, 786-0337, or 786-8285. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend, you are asked to call and cancel.

The church is located at the corner of Main and Elm Streets.

Holiday Country Fair Being Planned At Country Estates

The activity department of Country Estates Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam has announced its plans for its first annual Holiday Country Fair.

The dates for this "not-to-be-missed" event are Friday, December 1, 1995, and Saturday, December 2, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Spaces are limited for renting. Please contact the activity department of Country Estates for details and applications. Call 789-2200, ext. 123.

Best local news...

Activities And Events At First Baptist Church

"Herbicide for the Bitter Root" will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes' sermon this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. morning worship service. Biblical text is from Ephesians 4: 17-32. The responsive reading will be led by Tim Lawrenchuk.

Coffee and conversation will follow the service in Davis Hall. All are invited to stay.

Classes for all ages will be available until 11:30 a.m. These include two adult classes: "Nuts and Bolts Christianity" led by Pastor Barnes; and "When God Whispers in Your Ear" led by Everett Hodge.

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On our calendar this week:

Sunday, October 8th: 7:00 p.m., Senior High Youth Group.

Tuesday, October 10th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Circle at the home of Jeanne Webster; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship supper & meeting; 7:00 p.m., Nominating Committee meeting.

Wednesday, October 11th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, October 12th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Nuts & Bolts Christianity Class.

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During the month of October, there will be opportunity to contribute to the World Mission Offering. Plan to participate in this important event to demonstrate our Christian caring and concern for others.

The Caring Connection contact for the month of October is Lynda Dalla Pegorara (786-1993) if you have concerns.

An all-church hymn sing is being planned for October 29th. Mark your calendar to attend this meaningful service.

Mittineague Guild Plans Rummage Sale

The Women's Guild of the Mittineague Congregational Church of 1840 Westfield Street, West Springfield will hold its Fall Rummage Sale in the Charles King Fellowship Hall of the Church on Friday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Polish Club's Women's Auxiliary Schedules Holiday Craft Fair

On Saturday, October 14, 1995, the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish-American Club of Agawam will be sponsoring its annual Holiday Craft Fair. The event will be held at the pavilion on the club grounds, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As in previous years, the ladies will be busy serving traditional Polish foods as well as the all-American hot dog and soft drinks.

Crafters from Agawam and the surrounding towns will have many beautiful as well as practical items for sale. Among them you will find holiday decorations, candles, floral arrangements, dolls, intricate paintings, decorated sweatshirts, and doll clothes.

Also, there will be knitted sweaters, cozy baby quilts, dried flowers, bears, country kitchen items, wood crafts, along with stained glass and tole painting creations, sports plaques, and much more.

With the holidays just around the corner, it's not too early to start that Christmas shopping!

Irish Wake Comedy To Be Staged At Chez Josef Oct. 18th

St. Anthony's Women's Guild, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield, invites you to be a mourner at *The Wake of Matty O'Malley,* an Irish wake comedy dinner show featuring live Irish band music, on Wednesday, October 18th at Chez Josef in Agawam.

Come pay your last respects to Matty O'Malley. Yes, poor Matty has passed on ... but the party has just begun!!! Wild antics add to the wackiest wake ever, which also includes a delicious dinner featuring your choice of traditional Irish cornbeef dinner, chicken francaise, or baked Boston scrod (includes bread, salad, dessert, and coffee).

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Timeless Truth For Today...

by Roger Martin, Pastor
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Ignoring The Law

A favorite cartoon of mine shows the "Born Loser" approaching a psychiatrist, wanting to know how he determines if someone is "crazy." The doctor says that he usually starts with a simple question, and he gives an example. "If Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died on one of them, on which trip did he die?"

The "Born Loser" ponders the question for a moment, and finally admits, "Look, Doc, I'm not much of a history buff. Try me on another one. The final frame shows the Doctor looking long and hard at his questioner.

Now, that's a made-up cartoon, but in real life, some people think something similar. For instance, tell someone that he will answer to God for his wrong actions and you may hear: "That's fine for you, but I'm not much of a religious person." The thought: Since I'm not religious, God's laws don't apply to me.

This is a bit like saying, "I'm not much of a scientist, so the law of gravity doesn't really matter to me; it doesn't apply." That would be a foolish statement, because laws apply to you whether you believe in them or not.

The Merriam Webster Dictionary gives one definition for "law" as follows: *a rule or principle stating something that always works in the same way under the same conditions.* A scientific law, for example, describes something that always happens under a given circumstance. What one believes about the principle doesn't change its working.

What we sometimes fail to realize is that there are special laws at work just as there are physical laws. They are constant and affect all of us, whether we consider ourselves to be "religious" or not.

Let me briefly describe one such law: "Sin results in death." It is described in Romans 5:12:—"...sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned." (NIV) Sin brings about death.

The word "sin" means to "miss the mark." Romans 3:23 states that "all have sinned and **fall short** of the glory of God." (NIV) All of us fall short of the character and commands of a loving God. So, the law of sin applies to us, and death is the result.

The "death" that is mentioned here is "spiritual death," or separation from God. This law simply states that sin separates a person from God. Always. Without exception. If we have sinned, we are separated from God; we are "dead" spiritually.

We have an understandable concern about physical death, but spiritual death is even more serious. There is nothing worse than being separated from God for eternity, but that is our condition as sinners. You say, "Thanks, Rog, for ruining my week. A law I didn't even know about means I'm eternally separated from God."

If that were the only spiritual law at work in the world, it **would be** very distressing. But there is another critical law at work in the world, and, as God allows, we'll talk about it next week: The Law of Grace.

Operation Friendship Sponsoring Special "Cut-A-Thon" On October 15th

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship will have a hair cut-a-thon featuring several stylists from DiGrigoli Salons of Springfield, Easthampton, and West Springfield.

Would you like a sophisticated new hairstyle or simply a good haircut? Come to the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills (next to Dunkin' Donuts), 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15th. Regardless of the style, all haircuts will be $10. This is a great opportunity to have your hair expertly styled, not just cut.

To make an appointment, call 789-0032 (or leave a message if you reach a machine) and say what time you'd like to come in. Right now, there are plenty of appointment times available, but act quickly. Walk-ins will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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JANE TUOHEY (standing) is the new coordinator of SHARE New England and is pictured with chapter founders Beverly Boudreau (left) and Judy Shrader. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

SHARE New England At St. John's Church Has New Coordinator

SHARE New England welcomes on board a new coordinator. Jane Tuohey of Feeding Hills has taken over the coordination position presently held by Beverly Boudreau.

Beverly Boudreau and Judy Shrader introduced the SHARE program to Agawam in February 1994 through the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam.

SHARE is a nationwide, neighborhood-based, self-help food distribution and community building program. By volunteering in your community for just two hours, which consists of any work you do for another without being paid for that service, participants are able to purchase a package of name brand meats, fresh vegetables, fruits, and staple items worth between $30-$35 for only $15!

What is great is **anyone** can participate.

If you are interested in helping others and yourself, sign up for SHARE! Food stamps are accepted.

The next sign-up for this program will take place on Saturday, October 21st at St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, 835 Main Street (Rt. 159), Agawam, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. In addition, there will be a sign-up at the same location on Tuesday, October 31st between 6:15 and 7:15 p.m.

Also on October 31st, there is a morning sign-up between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. at St. David's Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Regardless of when you sign up for this program, the pickup date for all food items is Saturday, November 18th between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall.

For further information about SHARE in your community, call Jane Tuohey at 789-4674.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

"Whose Church Is This, Anyway?" will be the title of Rev. Donaldson's sermon this Sunday. Please join us for worship at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m., as does the Adult Bible Literacy Class. This is Open Pantry Sunday; worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Children are encouraged to attend with their parents. Nursery care is provided.

October 8th is Open Pantry Sunday. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed.

Items may be brought to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary where you will find envelopes for cash donations.

Thanks to all for their continued support of the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for Open Pantry for this coming Wednesday, October 11th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall, or you may call the office at 786-5061 to let us know that you can help.

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Big E a success! Many hours of planning led to many hours of preparing and serving delicious meals. This was followed by many hours of cleaning up and putting things away again.

Thank you also to all our friends who came to the fair and enjoyed having their dinner with us. See you next year.

Don't forget to sign up to participate in this year's CROP Walk if you've not done so already. We need many walkers to help raise funds to fight hunger both locally and around the world.

A portion of the funds raised will go to the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Please call the church office at 786-5061 for more information, or speak to Rob Donaldson or Bob Broga in church on Sunday.

The Youth Group will meet from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on October 14th, 21st, and 28th to continue work on the Halloween Party. The party is scheduled for Sunday, October 29th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The young people are looking for a black light to use at the party. If you have one, please speak to Patsy or call the church office at 786-5061.

On the calendar this week:

October 7th: 6:00 p.m., Covered dish supper with Rev. Aguayo and his family from Chile.

October 8th: Open Pantry Sunday; 11:30 a.m., Christian Ed Board meeting.

October 9th: 7:30 p.m., Council meeting.

October 10th: *Informer* deadline; 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., Church and Ministry Committee meeting; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions Committee meeting.

October 11th: 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Finance Board meeting; 8:00 p.m., A.A.

October 12th: 7:30 p.m., Board of Deacons meeting.

October 14th: 7:00 to 11:00 a.m., Youth Group serves at Pancake Breakfast; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Youth Group meeting; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Operation Friendship Roast Beef Supper.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

A Memorial Service for Kenneth Affleck will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 8th, is the 18th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship Service continues at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Curt Fuller's Sermon will be "Jesus Gives Thanks" from Text: Matthew 11:25-28. The Children's Message is "How Do You Thank God?"

Church School continues, with adult and seventh through 12th grade meeting at 9:15 a.m. and Crib Room through sixth grade meeting at 10:30 a.m. during the Worship Service.

The Jr. Choir meets following the Worship Service. All children ages three to 16 are welcome to attend the choir practice. Mr. Bryan Kirby, church organist and choir director, will be leading the children's choir.

Playgroup for infants to pre-school continues every Wednesday and Thursday, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Playgroup follows the Agawam School calendar for the school year.

For more information about the Playgroup, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430 or the church office at 786-7111.

The Midweek Service is held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. This service is a half-hour, informal Worship Service with hymns, prayers, and communion.

A New Member Class for all persons wishing to join the church continues on Wednesday, October 11th, at 7:35 p.m. with the final session held on Wednesday, October 25th.

The sessions will inform people of the church's ministries, committees, boards, activity groups, and general information about the United Church of Christ.

For more information, call the church office at 786-7111.

Teacher Recognition Day and presentations of Bibles for the third grade church school will be Sunday, October 15th, during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! A Country Style Chicken Supper will be held on Thursday, October 19th, with continuous sittings from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The menu will include chicken with biscuits, mashed potatoes, squash, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, beverage (coffee, tea, or milk), and homemade apple pie for dessert. Adults are $7.50, seniors will receive a $1 off, and children under 12 years of age are $4 each.

For reservations, call Carolyn Mosher, 786-6954, or the church office, 786-7111. Reservations close Tuesday, October 17th; please call if you have to cancel your reservation.

"Harvest Time Fair" Slated At First Baptist Church In West Spfld.

The First Baptist Church, 337 Piper Road, West Springfield, will hold its "Harvest Time Fair" on Saturday, October 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Crafts and baked goods will be the main features indoors and a car wash will be held outdoors.

A snack bar will be in operation throughout the day.

The public is invited to attend.

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Catholic Women's Club To Meet Oct. 9th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its October meeting on Monday, October 9th at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street.

President Gloria Colby will conduct the business meeting.

Charlene Moretti, Program Chairwoman, will present Gail DelloRusso, fitness instructor from Healthy Habits who specializes in physical fitness for middle and senior aged women. Members are asked to come casually dressed and wear flat shoes.

Lillian Doyle is in charge of hospitality for the evening. Cookbooks will be available before the meeting at a cost of $7. Guests are welcome to attend this meeting.



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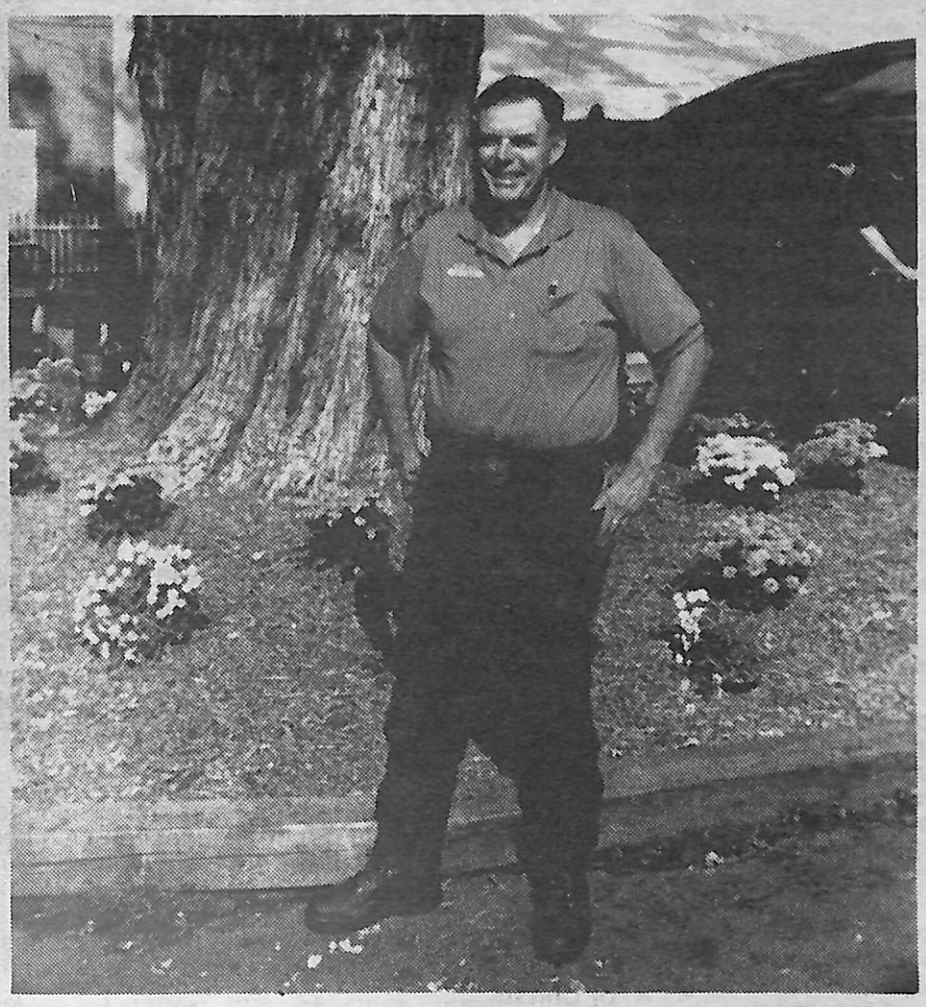
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Spotlight On Business





DON MCLEAN, one of the owners of Allen Lawmower, stands in front of a tree on the grounds of THE BIG E that he has cared for over the years. The 14 foot tree began as an 18-incher back in 1956. IN PHOTO RIGHT, owner Al McLean (right) is pictured with Clark Greenough and Walt Yezewski at the firm's BIG E booth. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

39 Years At BIG E For Allen Lawnmower

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Allen Lawnmower of Main Street is noted for selling, servicing, and repairing lawn, snow removal, and heavy farm equipment. In addition to the Agawam and Hazard Ave., Enfield stores, in September there is another showroom at Eastern States Exposition. It has been located in the same position, opposite the Young Building and outside the Better Living Center, since 1956.

Don McLean, one of the owners, has two favorite "BIG E stories" - one is about a swamp maple tree and one is about their policy to deliver anywhere in the country.

When Don first went to The Big E, it was 1956, and there was a tall, skinny tree, 18 inches in circumference in front of their site. The tree was spared and today is huge—14 feet around (according to the tape measure) and Don jokes about trying to put his arms around it.

Through the years, the tractors, tillers, lawnmowers, etc., have been displayed to allow for the growth of this tree. The McLean family has enjoyed watching it grow and they have planted colorful fall flowers around it. Today, that tree provides shade for that whole area, Don said, and fairgoers gravitate toward it for relief from the sun.

Free Delivery Anywhere In The Country

The company also boasts free delivery to any place in the country. Several years ago, a man asked "any place?" and got an affirmative answer. The company wound up delivering the machinery he purchased to Hawaii. "It went by way of Seattle and took a while to get there," Don said with a grin, "but we delivered."

While Don is at The Big E, his brother, Eugene, Jr., is at the Agawam store in the business started by their father, Eugene McLean, Sr. in 1947. There is another McLean brother, Albert. Until five years ago, The Big E site was manned by just two persons. Today, there are six persons supplying information about machinery, parts, services, and delivery.

On the first day of the 1995 fair, September 15th, Don logged his 403rd day at The Big E, and seems to have enjoyed it all.

Allen Lawnmower is another Agawam family-owned business and it claims the largest selection of power equipment for lawns, snow removal, and farms in the area. The Main Street store is open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday and Thursday; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Saturdays in the summer and fall.

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No investment performs well all the time; when one is trending upward, another might be dropping or simply holding steady. That's why financial experts tout diversification as a key strategy for successful investing.

Diversification—distributing your investment dollars among a variety of investment vehicles—is a sound way to reduce risk and take advantage of varying market conditions. It can enhance the long-term performance of your portfolio.

To build a diversification strategy, you can divide your portfolio among domestic stocks, foreign stocks, bonds, real estate, and cash equivalents. You also can diversify within investment categories, such as types of stocks, or by mixing the timing of maturity dates. Some people spread their money by country, type of industry, company within a particular industry, or by geographic region.

Whichever strategy you choose, however, be sure to include your 401(k) or 403(b) retirement funds in it. Many people carefully diversify all of their holdings, but apparently fail to use the same strategy with these accounts: approximately two-thirds of the money in tax-deferred retirement plans at the end of 1993 was concentrated in fixed-rate guaranteed investment contracts (GICs) and either money-market or bond mutual funds.

You do have other choices for your funds, however. Many plans offer investments aimed at people who are at different stages in their lives.

Younger people, for example, can invest in more aggressive vehicles designed to grow capital, while people closer to retirement might want to take a more conservative approach intended to preserve capital.

People who are just starting out on their own might put most of their money in stocks and only a little in bonds. They would reverse this strategy as they grow older, and end up near retirement with most of their money in bonds rather than stocks.

The key is to make sure that your investment strategy fits your needs and matches your financial objectives. If you're not sure how to allocate your funds, you might want to seek advice from a financial advisor.

Remember, too, no matter which investments you choose for your 401(k) or 403(b) funds, you don't need to leave the money in one spot forever. Most plans allow participants to shift money around between funds.

Don't hesitate to make changes if market conditions, or your personal financial situation, call for new directions.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 534-3883.

Alcoholism Services To Hold Dinner At Chez Josef Oct. 25th

Alcoholism and Drug Services of Western Massachusetts, Inc. will honor their retiring Executive Director, Frank O'Brien, on October 25th at their Annual Dinner at Chez Josef in Agawam.

Frank O'Brien will receive the 1995 Fred R. O'Donnell Awareness Award in recognition of 18 years of service and dedication to the Agency and its committment to an economically disadvantaged population that relies on public funding to support their treatment.

Alcoholism and Drug Services, a United Way Agency, that administers one of the largest and most comprehensive network of alcohol and drug treatment programs in the state, has hosted a public dinner for the past 16 years to raise awareness of alcoholism and drug addiction as a treatable illness.

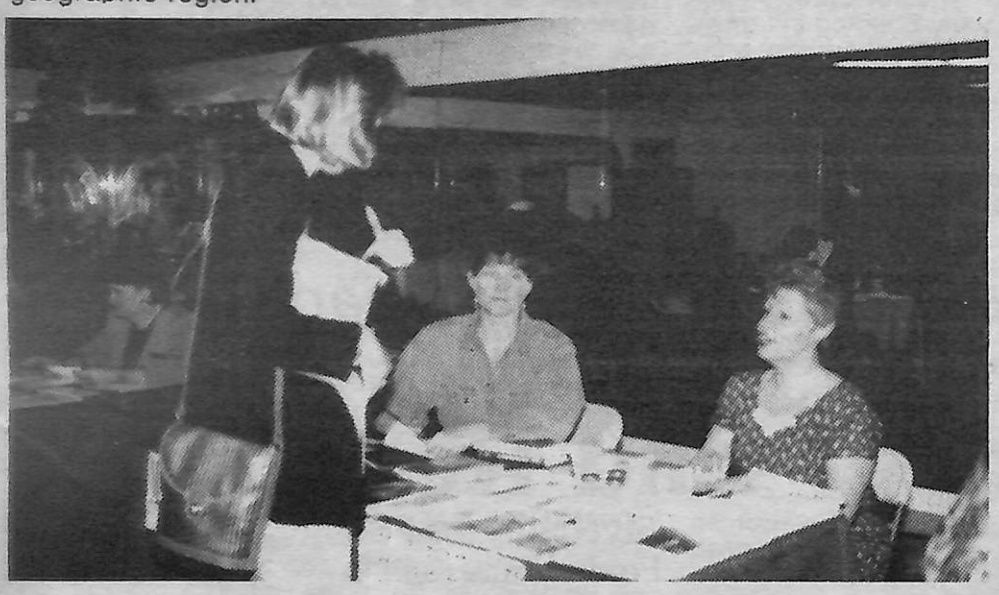
The Fred R. O'Donnell Award, named for a former president of the agency, has been a highlight of the dinner each year. Previous recipients include former U.S. Senator Harold Hughes, Hampden County Sheriff Michael Ashe and Bishop Joseph Maguire.

Reservations can be made by calling Alcoholism and Drug Services at 737-1141. There will be a social hour and informal reception at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

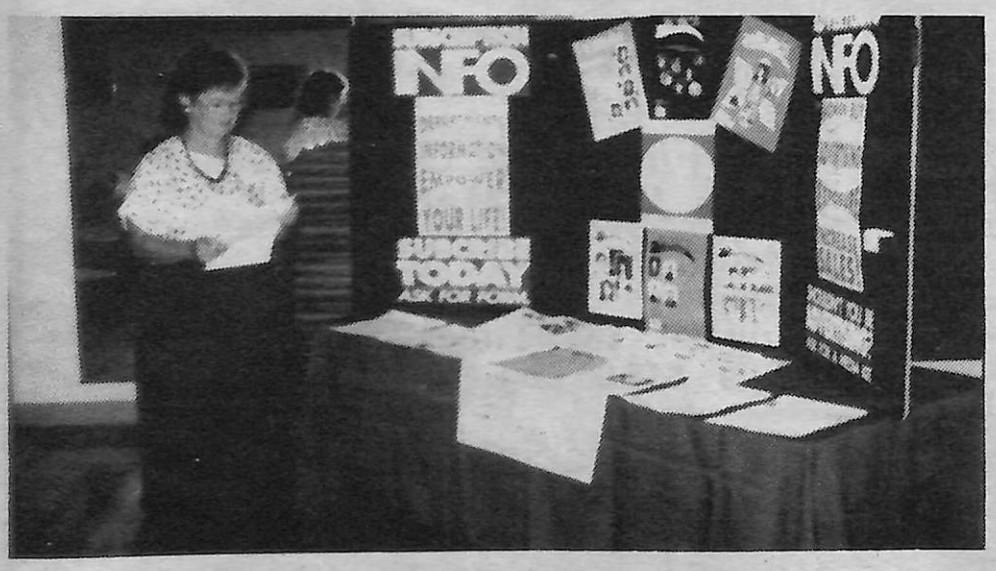
The featured speaker at this year's dinner will be Ryne Duren, a nationally recognized speaker, consultant, and administrator in the alcohol abuse field. A New York Yankee 1958 World Series pitching hero, Mr. Duren's experience and sensitivity regarding alcoholism and drug abuse has led to his life's work of educating others.

From 1968 to 1972 Ryne was a counselor supervisor at the Norris Foundation in Mukwanago, Wisconsin.

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FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & RACQUET CLUB held its First Annual Women's Forum on Thursday, September 28th. The event focused specifically on many health-related issues facing women.



Women's Health Forum At Fitness First A Success

Fitness First held its first Women's Forum last Thursday (September 28th) that focused on specific women's issues. Highlighted topics included osteoporosis, menopause, PMS, and why women should exercise.

Motivational speaker Debbie Papagno also spoke on the changing role of women in the workplace and how to deal with stress. Choice Health, Hampden County Chiropractic, Mike Mason Massage Therapy, The Wellness Center, *Women's Unlimited,* and Fitness First all had booths at the forum for women to collect information from.

A second women's forum is scheduled for the spring at Fitness First. If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact Rick Hersom at Fitness First at 786-1460.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...



CHRISTOPHER E. FUCHS

Fleet Bank Appoints Pres. For Volunteer Services Organization

Fleet Bank of Massachusetts is pleased to announce the appointment of Hopkinton resident Christopher E. Fuchs as president of Team Fleet, the company's program that manages and coordinates the services of employee volunteers providing assistance to non-profit organizations and communities throughout Massachusetts.

Mr. Fuchs, a Certified Public Accountant, is a senior vice president with Fleet and directs audit activities for Fleet's Banks in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. He also serves on the Board of the Massachusetts Money Management Program, a non-profit organization which provides financial management and bill-paying services to low-income, elderly individuals state-wide.

In just two years, Fleet has made a strong commitment to volunteerism in local communities throughout the Commonwealth. Fleet's volunteer program, Team Fleet, is an employee-designed and directed program administered by an employee advisory board. Team Fleet organizes groups of volunteers to work together on projects to benefit non-profits throughout Greater Boston.

Projects are short-term (such as cleaning up and improving a neighborhood park) or long-term (such as volunteers working weekly with homeless children). In its first two years of operation, Team Fleet has contributed over 1,000 volunteers and 15,000 hours to over three dozen projects, including the United Way's Community Care Days, Horizons Initiatives for Children in Shelters, Walk for Hunger, Massachusetts Special Olympics, Stockings of Joy, and the New England Shoreline Beach Clean-up.

Fleet Bank of Massachusetts, with nearly 200 branches state-wide and $10 billion in assets, is a subsidiary of Fleet Financial Group, a diversified financial services company, with 1,200 offices nationwide. Its lines of business include commercial and consumer banking, mortgage banking, consumer finance, asset-based lending, investment management, and student loan processing.

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In 1972, Ryne Duren developed and directed the Stoughton Community Hospital Alcohol Rehabilitation and Education Program in Stoughton, Wisconsin. He remained director of that program until 1980. Presently Mr. Duren serves as a consultant on alcohol and drug abuse to numerous community agencies, associations, and professional sports organizations. He also served on the Wisconsin Governor's Citizen Advisory Committee on Alcohol Abuse and the new Wisconsin Drinking and Driving Council.

In addition, Ryne is a charter member of the American College of Sports Medicine/alcohol use and abuse standing committee. He has been featured in national documentaries and talk shows and has written a book on his life story entitled, "The Comeback."

Melissa J. Wojcik Appointed By AIC As News Bureau Assistant

American International College has announced that Melissa J. Wojcik of Agawam has been named news bureau assistant at the College. The announcement was made recently by John R. Fallon, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

As news bureau assistant, Wojcik will be responsible for facilitating media relations, producing the in-house newsletter and other publications, and assisting in the College advertising.

Wojcik is a 1995 graduate of Western New England College, with a bachelor of arts in English/Communications. While at WNEC, she was an honors student, named to *"Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges,"* and worked in the Office of Public Relations. She was also the music and program director at the college radio station, founder of the communications association, and published in the literary magazne and newspaper.

Wojcik, a Woodside Drive resident, was an operations intern at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra where she coordinated all aspects of the Spring Pops Concert.



MELISSA J. WOJCIK

Home Builders Plan Industry Expo For October 10th At Chez Josef

The Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield is sponsoring its annual Building Industry Expo, a trade show for construction industry professionals, on Tuesday, October 10th, from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam.

According to Chairman Michael R. Boilard of A. Boilard Sons, 80 local and national exhibitors, representing the entire spectrum of the construction industry and related businesses, will display the latest and most innovative products and services during this one-day trade show.

A complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres buffet will be served from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Admission is free for those affiliated with the construction industry. To receive free admission tickets or for more information, please call JoAnn Stuart at the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield, (413) 733-3126.

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All About Scoliosis!

Question: Our 14 year-old daughter was recently told at school that she has scoliosis. Could you explain this condition and could chiropractic help her?

Answer: The term "scoliosis" means curvature of the spine. Some types of scoliosis have known causes, such as scoliosis secondary to the muscular weakness of polio, different types of nerve degeneration, and birth defects.

Another very common type is called idiopathic scoliosis. The term "idiopathic" means "of unknown origin." When idiopathic scoliosis was named, the origin was unknown. Today, experts in the area of spinal biomechanics have shown its cause to often be an imbalance of the muscular support to the spine from imbalanced nerve function.

The key to correcting the condition is to find the problem early, before irreversible changes take place. It is difficult to obtain correction when the scoliosis has progressed far enough for bone adaptation to take place. Scoliosis usually develops in the pre-teen or early teen years, when the body is growing rapidly. The rapid growth and increasing curvature of the spine cause the vertebrae to grow in a wedge shape, instead of square and level.

The rib cage adapts to the bend and twist of the spine. When the bones form in this position, it is almost impossible to obtain correction. Treatment at this advanced stage can retard or halt the progress of the scoliosis, but complete correction is not obtainable. The obvious answer to the problem is to find the imbalance when it first develops, thus preventing the abnormal bone formation.

Parents may be unaware of the early signs of developing scoliosis, and the condition has to be relatively advanced before it is recognized.

There are many signs of developing scoliosis that parents can look for. Observe your child's general structural balance. The pelvis, shoulders, and head should be level. The shoulderblades should be balanced and of equal distance from the spine. Look for an equal balance of the muscles on both sides of the spine.

Adam's position is an orthopedic test to help visualize rotation of the spine and trunk. Have your child stand facing away from you. Have them bend forward at the waist as if to touch the toes with straight legs. As he/she bends forward, observe that the head, shoulders, trunk, and pelvis stay balanced all the way down.

There are some important things that may allow you to detect a scoliosis at its beginning so that appropriate treatment can be rendered. The SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE offers a comprehensive screening with appropriate treatment.

Mercy Hospital Plans Blood Bank Drive For Tuesday, October 24th

This Halloween season, "treat" someone to the gift of life ... donate blood at the Mercy Hospital Blood Bank's Halloween drive on October 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The Deliso Conference Center will be transformed into a haunted house, complete with witches, spiders, skeletons, and other eerie denizens. The costumed Blood Bank staff will take a confidential medical history, then check participants' temperature, pulse, blood pressure, and iron level. While they give blood, donors will relax on a comfortable donor couch, entertained by horror films.

When the donation has been completed, participants will rest briefly and enjoy Halloween snacks and beverages. And, while supplies last, donors will receive a Blood Bank sweatshirt, perfect for warding off fall's chill.

Walk-in donors are welcome. Appointments are also available by calling the Mercy Hospital Blood Bank, (413) 748-9511.

Best local news...



Living Well

by Rick Hersom
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Take Charge Of Your Health

We know that exercise is very important for everyone. What you may not know is that exercise is an even more important contributing factor in maintaining or improving the functional capacity of adults over 50 years of age.

Many adults that walk, ride bikes, or take water exercise classes are doing great things to enhance the quality of their life, but there is still one more step that can be taken so you can enjoy your freedom even more. Strength training is not only for the young, it is for those that want to remain independent, and for those that want to continue to approach life's activities with vigor.

During the past few years, many studies have reported the overwhelming benefits strength training has on older adults. Some of the reasons are as follows.

Adults that do not strength train lose between five and seven pounds of muscle every decade. If you do not use your muscles, you will lose them. Just like having a broken limb in a cast, if our muscles are not exercised enough, we lose the capacity to perform normal activities and put ourselves at a greater risk for injury.

For instance, did you know...

- Strength training has been shown to replace and increase the amount of muscle mass lost through inactivity.
- Because muscles are very active, muscle loss means a slowdown in your metabolic system. This increases your chance in gaining weight.
- Strength training adds muscles to your body, which increases your metabolic rate. Adults who have more muscles will burn more calories.
- Strength training has also been shown to decrease body fat even though subjects in that study consumed more calories.
- Strength training increases bone mineral density, which makes your bones stronger and decreases the risk of osteoporosis.
- Another study showed an increase in gastrointestinal transit time, which may help to decrease the risk of colon cancer.
- Strength training has been shown to reduce resting blood pressure, reduce low back pain, and ease the pain associated with osteo-arthritis and rheumatoid arthritis.

You can take charge of your own health by strength training two to three times a week. So why not get started? Find a health club that is convenient and where you feel comfortable.

Make sure that the instructors are educated and trained in older adult exercise. Finally, check on the quality of the equipment you will be using, and make sure that it is inspected and maintained on a regular basis.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Clearing Up Some Nutrition Myths

Confused about what to eat?

Nutrition is a new science ... and often nutrition studies give conflicting results. When I'm eating in a restaurant, I often hear people at tables around me discussing nutrition. Here are three "facts" that are often topics of conversation. See if you know which ones are true or false.

Bake chicken without skin to cut the fat. True or false? A baked chicken breast or thigh with the skin has only 1.5 extra grams of fat once you remove the skin. So cook the chicken with the skin on to keep it moist and flavorful. Just be sure to toss out the skin before you eat it.

Eat raw vegetables to get the most fiber. True or false? A study done at the University of Minnesota compared blanched carrots, raw carrots, and canned carrots for fiber content. All had the same amount of the "rough stuff." So no matter how you cook 'em, be sure to eat 'em.

Take your calcium supplement at night. True or false? It may not matter exactly what time of day you take a calcium supplement. However, take only 400 to 500 mg. of calcium (including food and pill sources) at a time. Your body can't absorb more than that amount in one dose. If you take calcium on an empty stomach, take calcium citrate. Calcium carbonate won't be well-absorbed on an empty stomach.

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MORE "RUB" & "MARINADE" RECIPES

(continued from last week)

RUB RECIPES

— Spicy Seasoning Mix —

(Preparation time: 5 minutes)

3 tablespoons chili powder
2 teaspoons ground coriander
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1½ teaspoons garlic powder
¾ teaspoon dried oregano leaves
½ teaspoon ground red pepper

Store in an airtight container. Shake before using to blend. Makes enough to season 2 pounds of meat.

— Rub Combos To Try On Your Own —

Experiment and make up your favorite blend of herbs and seasonings. Your pantry and refrigerator contain the makings for all sorts of great rubs. You don't even need a recipe—just think in terms of flavors that taste good together. Try these ideas for starters:

Citrus

Combine grated lemon, orange, or lime peel (or a combination) with minced garlic and cracked black pepper.

Pepper-Garlic

Combine garlic powder, cracked black pepper, and cayenne pepper.

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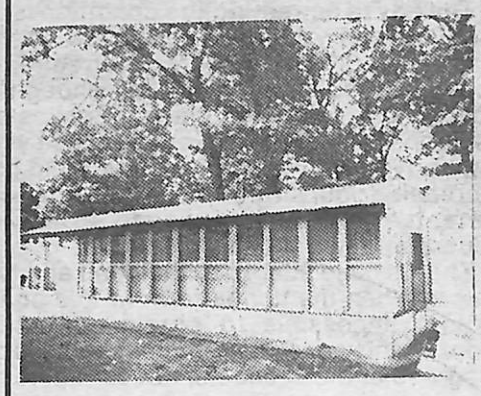
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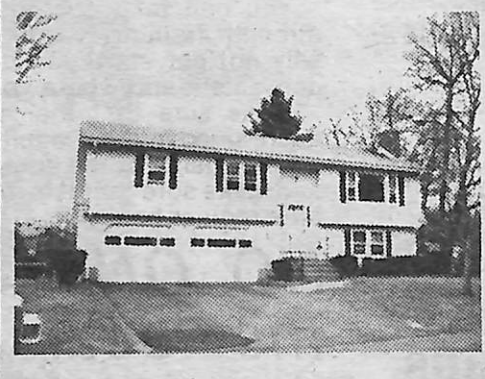
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For Your Health - continued...

NANCY DELL - from Page 31...

Italian

Combine fresh or dried oregano, basil, and rosemary with minced Italian parsley and garlic.

Herb

Combine fresh or dried marjoram, thyme, and basil.

(Use rubs on tender cuts of meat to add flavor. To apply the rub, simply cover the outside surface of the meat with the seasoning blend prior to cooking. Flavors usually become more pronounced the longer the seasoning mixture is on the meat.)

MARINADE RECIPES

(Remember: always marinate in the refrigerator)

— Southwestern Marinade —

(Preparation time: 5 minutes)

Use prepared salsa (at the heat level you like) to make this marinade in a snap!

¼ cup prepared salsa (mild, medium *or* hot, as desired)
2 tablespoons *each* chopped cilantro and fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 clove garlic, minced
¼ teaspoon ground cumin

Combine all ingredients, stirring until well-blended. Makes about ½ cup.

— Red Wine Marinade —

⅓ cup red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
2 cloves garlic, minced
¾ teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
¼ teaspoon coarse grind black pepper

Combine all ingredients, stirring until well-blended. Makes about ½ cup.

(Allow about ¼ to ½ cup marinade for each 1 to 2 pounds of meat. Turn meat occasionally during marinating so that all sides are equally exposed to the marinade. For flavor only, marinate for 15 minutes or as long as 2 hours; for tenderizing, at least 6 hours. Remaining marinade may be brushed on the meat during grilling, or used as a sauce provided it is brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute prior to serving.)

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Please call our office at 786-4820 to reserve a space. Dr. Nelson is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the above number.

Ag. Health Dept. Slates Influenza Clinic For Wednesday, Oct. 11th At Senior Center

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled an Influenza Clinic at the Senior Center on Wright Street for Wednesday, October 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

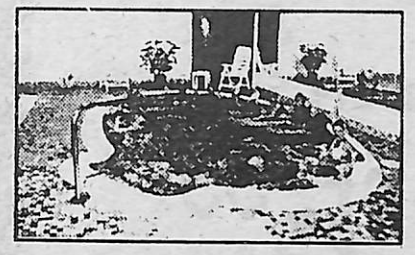
Influenza vaccine will be administered free of charge to persons 65 years of age and over or if you have chronic conditions such as: heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, and diabetes.

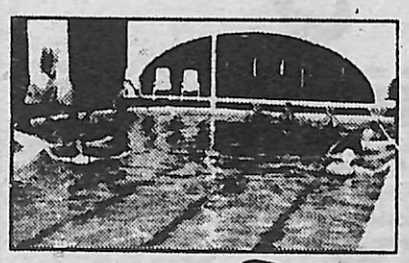
There will also be a clinic at the Danahy Schoolhouse on Maple Street on Tuesday, October 24, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and at Pheasant Hill Village, Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, on October 31, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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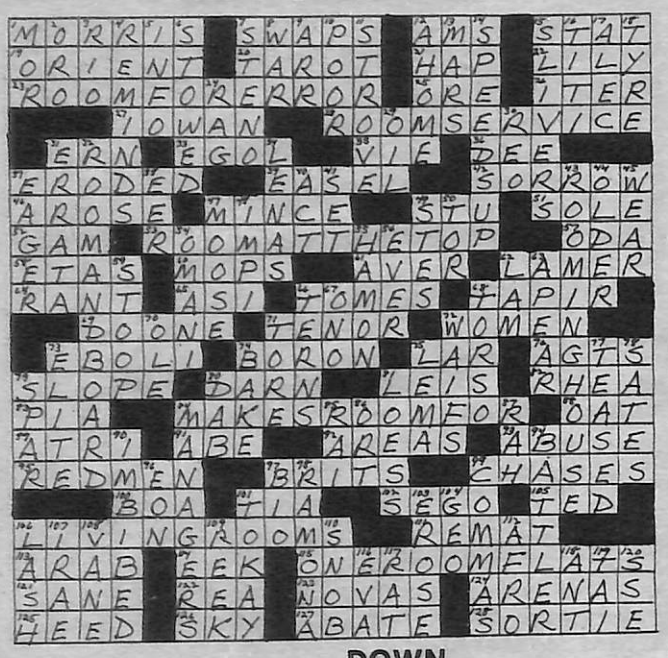
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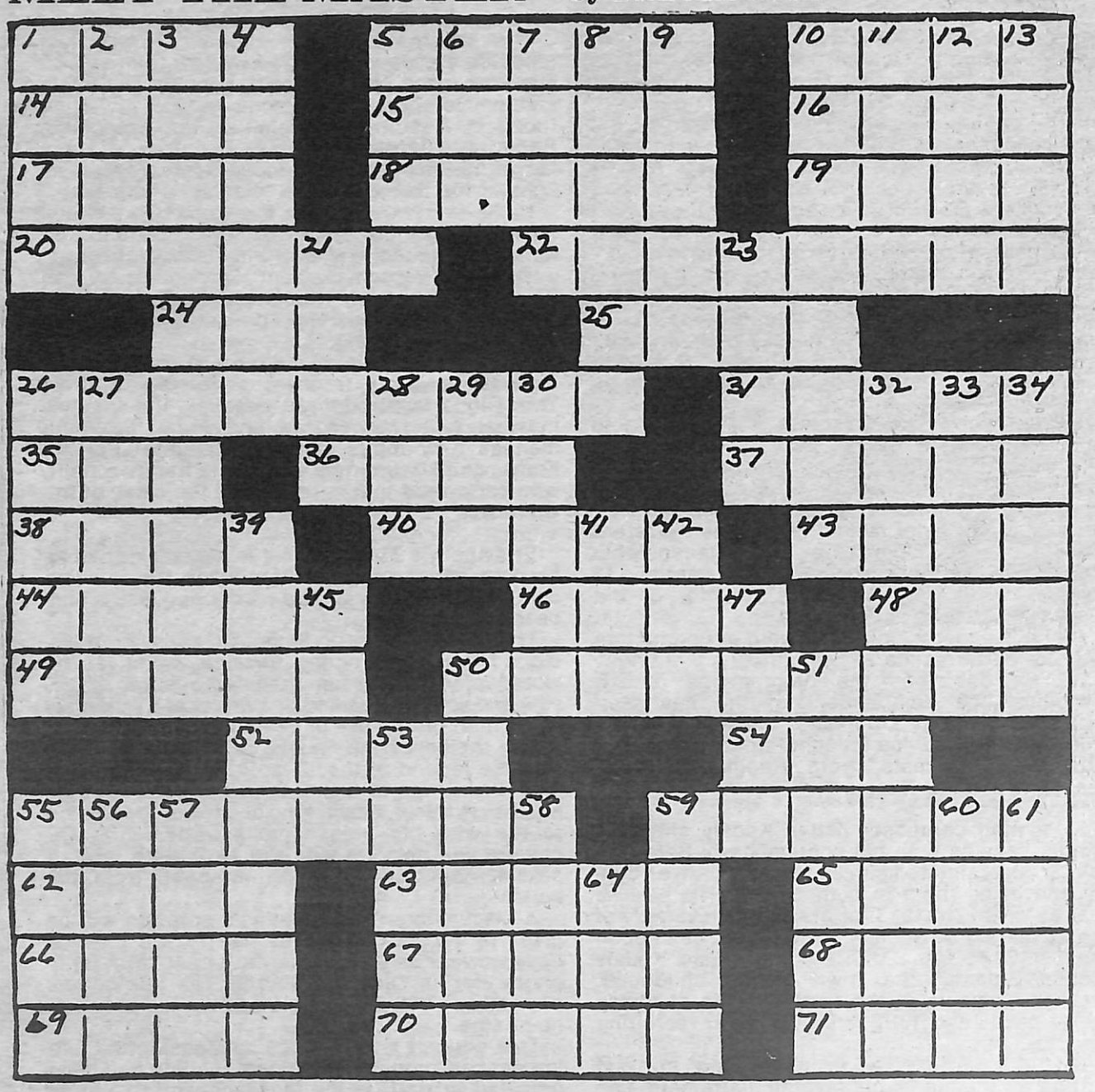
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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



I HATE HAMLET Doing Well At StageWest

The 1995-96 Mainstage season at StageWest got underway September 21st with *"I HATE HAMLET,"* a comedy by award-winning American playwright Paul Rudnick. Robert Walsh directed the production, a play that draws laughter from a TV actor's struggles to conquer the stage role of Shakespeare's most tragic character. The play continues through October 15th, and has received strong reviews from local critics.

In *"I HATE HAMLET,"* Andrew Rally, a successful but weary Hollywood star, returns to New York City for a break from television. He is cast to play the role of Hamlet in Central Park and rents a new apartment where he can prepare. Unknown to him, the apartment once belonged to the late, great John Barrymore, America's greatest Hamlet.

Andrew's preparations take a bizarre twist when the ghost of Barrymore materializes to show him how it's done. Barrymore not only leads Andrew in the finer points of playing the great Dane, he takes up where he left off in his charming and bawdy lifestyle. *"I HATE HAMLET"* rolls with the laughter, passion, and magic that fuel live theatre.

Playwright Paul Rudnick based this play on actual experiences that began when he responded to a real estate ad for a "medieval complex," an apartment which once belonged to John Barrymore. Rudnick rented the apartment and felt compelled to create this play.

Born and raised in Piscataway, New Jersey, Rudnick is a graduate of Yale University. His first play, *"Poor Little Lambs,"* won an Outer Critics Circle Award for its Off-Broadway production. His other work includes two plays, *"Raving"* and *"Cosmetic Surgery,"* and two novels, *"Social Disease"* and *"I'll Take It."*

Rudnick's newest screenplay, *"Jeffrey,"* is now in movie theatres and features Patrick Stewart of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. (*"Jeffrey"* opened at the Academy of Music in Northampton on Friday, September 29th.) Rudnick's essays and articles have appeared in *Vanity Fair, The New York Times, Spy, Vogue, Interview,* and *Rolling Stone.*

Special events scheduled to complement the performances of *"I HATE HAMLET"* include "talk-back" discussions which offer audience members the opportunity to share in a talk with members of the production following the performance. The next "talk-back" will follow the 7:30 p.m. performance on Tuesday, October 10th.

"I HATE HAMLET" continues through October 15th with performances Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.; and matinee performances on Saturday, October 7th, Wednesday, October 11th, and every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Ticket prices range from $13.50 to $30.50. For discount information on groups of 10 or more, phone (413) 781-2340.

For additional ticket information, please contact the StageWest Box Office at (413) 781-2340.

STAGE To Present *"Babes In Toyland"*

Student Theatre Arts Group Enterprises, known as STAGE, announces openings for its fall theatre camp, "BABES IN TOYLAND." Lyle Pearsons, co-director of STAGE, has adapted the age-old tale by Glenn MacDonough which relates the story of Mary Contrary and Tom Tom the Piper's Son, who try to help Jane and Alan escape the evil clutches of Uncle Barnaby and his henchmen Rodrigo and Gonzorgo, who are trying to steal the secrets of a life-giving serum for toys.

Meet Jack and Jill, Bo Peep, Jack-Be-Nimble, and other beloved characters as they help our hero and heroine escape the Evil Spider of Haunted Forest and the turn-coat soldiers of Santa's Toyland in this topsy turvy, hysterical land of fractured nursery rhyme characters who come together to save Christmas.

The camp is held at THE RED DOOR THEATRE in Feeding Hills, MA. Camp days are Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:30 p.m. beginning October 3rd, with four public performances the weekend of November 10th, 11th, and 12th. Campers are involved not only in acting in the show, but also in set construction, publicity, costuming, and other aspects of the theatrical production.

Camp is open to young people ages eight to 15 who have an avid interest in the theatre. For further information, call 789-2026.

ADVERTISER NEWS!!!



Big Gala For Springfield Symphony To Open 1995-'96 Season Oct. 14th

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra begins this year's season, *New Directions,* with a Premiere Gala on Saturday, October 14th, at 8:00 p.m. This concert kicks off the Orchestra's inaugural season with its new Music Director, Mark Russell Smith, and will showcase the talents of world-renowned pianists Claude Frank and Lilian Kalir.

The Orchestra will perform Kodaly's *Galanta Dances,* Mozart's *Concerto for Two Pianos,* and Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite.* Following the performance, the festivities continue with a gala dessert reception open to all concertgoers provided by Sheraton Springfield at Monarch Place.

Thanks to the overwhelmingly positive response from the Search Committee, musicians, and audience members, Maestro Smith was awarded the position of Music Director at the end of last season after a year-long, nationwide search.

Smith received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Juilliard School and his Bachelor of Music in Orchestral Conducting from the Curtis Institute of Music. He served five years as Associate Conductor with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, and prior to that, served as Assistant Conductor of The Opera Company of Philadelphia and The Philadelphia Singers. He will continue to remain in his post as Music Director of the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra.

Smith is eagerly looking forward to conducting his first performance at Springfield's Symphony Hall. He describes the program as "lively, vivacious—the embodiment of the new Springfield Symphony Orchestra. These selections will take the audience on an international tour of expressive contrasts, from Hungary, through Vienna, and on to Russia."

Hungarian composer Zoltan Kodaly shared a similar passion with his contemporary Bela Bartok for collecting folksiness from his native country and using them in composition. His *Galanta Dances,* written in 1933 for the 80th anniversary of the Philharmonic Society of Budapest, calls upon the distinctive sound of Slavic folk music. Kodaly recalls Galanta, the town of his childhood, through elements of the festive music of roving gypsy bands and 19th century Magyar recruiting dances.

Mozart's proficiency in performing on and writing for the piano, his favorite instrument, has long been documented. His *Concerto for Two Pianos* demonstrates his rising to the fascinating challenge of coordinating two keyboards while integrating both with a full orchestra. The piece was originally written for Mozart and his sister Nannerl; performing guest artists Claude Frank and Lilian Kallir share a relationship of a different kind—they are husband and wife.

The internationally acclaimed Frank has repeatedly appeared with the world's foremost orchestras since his debut with Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic in 1959, including those in Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Berlin, Amsterdam, Toronto, Zurich, and Hamburg. The *San Francisco Chronicle* celebrates him as "one of the finest classical pianists of our time."

Kallir is renowned for the impassioned eloquence of her performances. She also has performed repeatedly with world-class orchestras, working with such eminent conductors as von Karajan, Leinsdorf, Kondrashin, Giulini, and Haitink. The *New York Times* praises her playing as "altogether ravishing."

Both pianists are in demand at international festivals, and are frequent performers at New York City's Mostly Mozart Festival. The family's musical legacy does not end there; SSO audiences may remember their daughter Pamela Frank, an extraordinary violinist in her own right, who performed to rave reviews at the close of the Orchestra's 50th Anniversary season.

Stravinsky's *Firebird* ballet is acknowledged as his first masterpiece. Written when the Russian composer was only 27, the production was a success from the first.

The great impresario Sergei Diaghilev commissioned the work for the Russian Ballet (as he would later commission the infamous *Rite of Spring),* and astutely marked Stravinsky at a rehearsal as "a man on the eve of celebrity."

The theme of the *Firebird* is derived from the Russian legend of the "Zhar-Ptitsa," the magical bird with wings of flame. Stravinsky strove to bring the mythical, bewitching scenes of the legend to life with his unique orchestration. The Orchestra will perform with the 1919 suite, one of several versions Stravinsky arranged from the ballet.

A discussion of the evening's program will be given by Maestro Smith as part of the *Classical Conversations* series across the street from Symphony Hall in Old First Church. The talk begins promptly at 7:00 p.m., and is open to the public at no charge.

This concert is sponsored by MassMutual Life Insurance Company. Additional funding has been provided in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

Seats are still available ranging from $6 to $33 at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office, 75 Market Place (behind Johnson's Bookstore), or can be charged by phone at (413) 733-2291.

Agawam Poetry...

This Wondrous Earth

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

This Earth is all we have; don't let it slip away,
It was created by God, for all creatures to work and play;
Show Him by your deeds, how much you really care,
By working very hard, to keep it from disrepair;

The stately trees welcome all the birds to rest,
After their long flight, oh how they enjoy their nest;
The fledglings love to nestle close to mother,
The nest is just large enough, to cuddle one another;

In the distance, and oh so very high,
Are snow-crested mountains caressing the sky;
The crystal clear lakes, so pristine and pure,
This is a Masterpiece of our Savior, to be sure;

The shy little violets abiding by the rippling brook,
Are now full blossomed in their cozy little nook;
Sometimes a beautiful fawn will capriciously appear,
But he'll scamper off, if he knows you are near;

Let no one hurt or harm these creatures of the Lord,
By avariciously felling trees, just so they can hoard;
The dens and lairs of all of the creatures of God, must stay
Remember there comes to all, an atonement day.

Barbershop Group Plans Harmony Evening At Library

On Friday evening, October 6th at 7:30 p.m., the Springfield Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus will present an evening of four part harmony at the Agawam Public Library.

This is part of the First Friday Series sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council. Admission is free. This performance will be extra exciting for three members of the chorus; Josh, Al, and Basil Roman. It will be the first public performance for three generations of the Roman family.

Josh, an eighth grade student in Westfield, joined the Chordsmen this summer. His father, Al, has been a member of the group for 12 years, and Al's father, Basil, a member for 18 years. Both are thrilled to share their hobby with Josh.

The Springfield Chordsmen are part of an International Barbershop Society, The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., that numbers approximately 36,000 across the US and Canada. They also have affiliated groups in several countries around the world; Australia, England, Sweden, and Germany, to mention a few.

We hope you will join them for an enjoyable evening of Barbershop harmony.

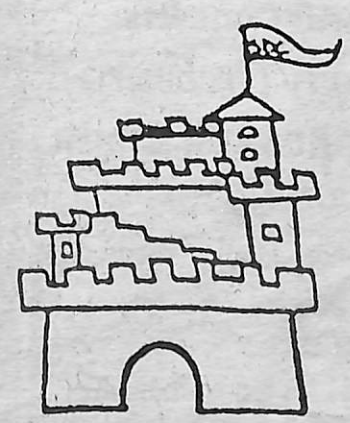
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Springfield Craftsmen To Meet Nov. 3rd At Church Of Acres

Suffield: Ticket sales for the Suffield Players began Thursday, September 28th. Again this year, patrons can call the Players' toll free number: 1-800-289-6148 to reserve seats for the Fall production, *"Death Of A Salesman."*

This powerful drama of a family fighting to maintain their dreams and their dignity, in the rapidly industrializing America of the late 1940's is a testament to the strength of "little men" like Willie Loman, in every generation. John Howland of Stafford Springs plays Willie, and Kelly Seip of Springfield, Mass. is Linda, his wife, who works tirelessly to bolster her struggling husband.

Lyndon Johnson of Suffield, and Ken Palmer of Chicopee, appear as Willie's sons, Happy and Biff, whose relationship with their father ranges from dependence and constant seeking of approval, to emotional and physical confrontation.

Denise Boutin directs the cast of 13. Performances run October 19th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th, and November 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th at 8:00 p.m. at Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

Tickets are $5 for the first Thursday and Friday, and $10 all other nights. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more, with reservations and pre-paid; senior and students, with proper I.D., only one discount per ticket.

Suffield Players Open Ticket Sales For Fall Production

The Springfield Guild of Craftsmen will meet at the Church in the Acres, 1383 Wilbraham Road, Springfield on Friday, November 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Joanne Vlasak, a decorative painter who specializes in painting on wood and tin, will present a hands-on workshop in her craft. Mrs. Vlasak has been painting since 1978. She has displayed her work locally, and she gives instructions in decorative painting.

This worthwhile demonstration will be open to the public.

For more information, please call 733-3394.

"Anne Of Green Gables" Coming To Red Door Theater

The Hilltop Family Theatre is proud to present *"Anne of Green Gables"* as its first production of their 1995-96 season. The three year-old theatre will present this dramatization of L.M. Montgomery's acclaimed novel on October 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st at 7:30 p.m., and on October 15th at 2:00 p.m. at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

The play revolves around the coming-of-age of a young orphan girl, Anne Shirley, after she is mistakenly sent from the orphanage to the Cuthbert homestead of Green Gables.

With a knack for trouble, the feisty and overwhelmingly romantic Anne finds her new beginning is not without misadventure. With irresistible spunk, the high-spirited redhead gains new insights about love, friendship, and the ways of the world as she steals her way into the hearts of everyone in the town of Avonlea.

Anne will be played by Marcy Secora of Southwick, well-known to local audiences for her many roles with STAGE Productions and Teen Ensemble Theatre. She was last seen as Dorothy in *"Christmas In the Land of Oz."*

She will be joined by Debbie Randzio of Southwick and Lyle Pearsons of Suffield as her adoptive family, the Cuthberts.

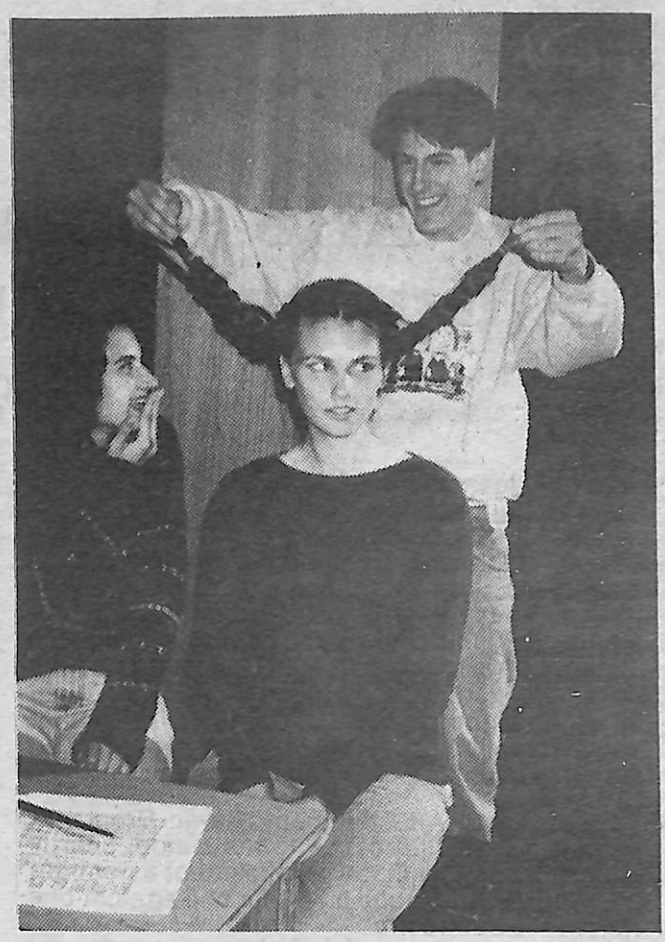
Randzio portrays the determined yet understanding Merrila, whose character was so vividly captured in the performance by Colleen Dewhurst in the Emmy Award-winning TV production of *"Anne of Green Gables."*

Randzio will be best remembered for her work with Hilltop's *"Sound of Music," "Oliver,"* and *"Best Christmas Pageant Ever."*

Pearsons takes on double duty as the quiet, sensitive Matthew Cuthbert and as the play's director.

Other STAGE veterans include Annette Fournier of Longmeadow as Anne's bosom friend, Diana, and Jesse Randzio of Southwick who plays the determined Gilbert, who's "sweet" on the irresistible redhead. Newcomer Shelley Haber of Westfield makes her Hilltop debut as the comical town busybody, Rachel Lind.

Rounding out the 28-member cast are Nancy Klueh and Donna Shibley of Agawam; Kassia Randzio, Dan Heap, and Kate and Jeff Tingley of Southwick; Ed Gogulski, Leanne Crowley, and Austin Allen of Suffield; Betsy Ingraham and Allison and Jessica Szewczyk of Enfield; the father and daughter team of Jay and Alexandra Kane of Granby; Melissa Mateusiak, Jamie Kane, and Daniel Ross of Westfield; Debbie Bramucci and Kara and Kristyn Lewantowicz of Springfield; and Dana Ring and Dorrie Mitchell of West Hartford.



Gilbert Blythe (Jesse Randzio of Southwick) taunts Anne Shirley (Marcy Secora of Southwick) about her red hair, much to the amusement of Diana Barry (Annette Fournier of Longmeadow) in The Hilltop Players' production of *"Anne of Green Gables,"* scheduled to play at The Red Door Theatre on October 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st at 7:30 p.m., and on October 15th at 2:00 p.m. All seats are $5 and may be reserved by calling 789-2026.

Reservations for this heartwarming family production are strongly recommended, and may be made by calling The Red Door Theatre Ticket Service at (413) 789-2026. All tickets are $5, and all seats are reserved.

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Education

Five AHS Students Suspended For Afternoon Fighting Around Town

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Five students have been suspended from Agawam High School in the wake of fighting that began in a school bathroom and ended with the Police Department responding to three 911 calls to break up fights from one end of town to the other on Friday afternoonn, September 29th.

Acting Principal Joseph Zabielski said the students have been externally suspended from school for periods ranging from three to eight days for their parts in two separate incidents that led to the police being called to the school twice on Friday and once on Monday, October 2nd.

According to APD Sergeant Steven Draghetti, the police were first called to the school shortly before 8:00 a.m. on Friday as a result of a fist fight involving three teenage boys in a two-against-one fight in the bathroom.

No arrests were made, although there were some minor injuries.

While police are not routinely called to the school to break up fights, they will be called if there are injuries or if the fighting seems to be of a substantial nature, Draghetti said.

In an unrelated incident, four students became involved in a melee as they entered the school cafeteria for a study period later in the day.

Zabielski said that fight began between two students and escalated when their friends tried to intervene purportedly to separate the combatants. Teachers and coaches supervising the study were able to stop the fight before he could get to the cafeteria, Zabielski said.

Responding to reports that the fighting could spill over into the parking lot at dismissal time, Zabielski asked for a police presence for the second time that day to patrol the area.

There were no incidents of fighting at dismissal time, but police were later called to the ballpark behind Phelps school, to Pheasant Hill Village, and to Oak Hill Avenue to break up fights.

Draghetti said he believe these calls were related to the incident involving the three teens fighting in the AHS bathroom.

Complicating matters for the police were about two dozen teens traveling to the sites to cheer on the combatants.

Draghetti said when the police arrived at each scene, the combatants had moved on, but the hangers-on remained. Draghetti said police gathered the names of those remaining at the scenes, and their parents were contacted over the weekend to apprise them of their children's activities.

Draghetti said violecne between teens only escalates when their friends are on hand to witness the fight.

"It's been my experience they won't back down when their friends are watching," Draghetti said. "The parents I talked to seemed to be very cooperative and interested in where their kids were."

Parents Of Victims To Decide...

Draghetti and Zabielski both said the parents of the victims have been informed, and it is up to them to decide if criminal charges will be brought against the attackers.

Although there have been minor incidents of pushing and shoving at the high school, last Friday was the frst time fighting has broken out this year.

"We're concerned about it," Zabielski said. "We've had our skirmishes but nothing near the level of viciousness I saw on Friday."

Zabielski said school personnel respond instantly to situations involving fighting between students, but ultimately, it is the parents who must instill values in their children.

"The vast majority of the kids are here to get an education without taking someone's head off," Zabielski said. "But there seems to be a core group who think they can do anything, that the rules don't apply to them."

With limited manpower to respond to calls to break up fights at the High School, Draghetti said the police would take a more pro-active approach to being called to the school and would likely be more stringent in investigating anyone hanging around the premises who doesn't attend the school.

Draghetti said, "The school is going to have to take strong disciplinary action and get more involved in helping up prosecute these criminal acts."

Zabielski said the school has taken a stronger disciplinary stance than before and is relying on teamwork between administrators to address the problems presented by unruly students.

On Monday, October 1st, after learning that one of the victims in Friday's attacks had been threatened over the weekend, Zabielski again requested a police presence in the parking lot during dismissal.

"I don't know why some students feel they can be so vicious and savage, but there isn't an epidemic of violence at the High School," Zabielski said.

Zabielski said the school has a conflict resolution program in place, and he is looking into a number of options to reduce tensions and violence at the school.

Based on what he has learned, Zabielski said the fighting that touched off Friday's events was related to conflicts that occurred between students last year.

Many Marching Bands Coming To Agawam For Field Show

The Massachusetts Instrumental Conductors' Association District Field Show Festival will be held at the Agawam High School Football Stadium on Saturday, October 21, 1995 at 6:00 p.m.

Ten of the most outstanding marching bands from Massachusetts and Connecticut will be performing, including Agawam High School's "Marching Mohawks" under the direction of Tammy Watson and Darcy Davis.

The Agawam Mohawks will be performing a special show called "Yesterdays," consisting of a medley of award-winning field show repertoire from past years. The show will open with a tasteful rendition of "Yesterdays" by Jerome Kern, followed by the powerful opener, "Aztec Fire" by Jay Bocook.

The next piece will feature the honor guard in a presentation of the colors, performed to the John Phillip Sousa March, "The Liberty Bell." The colorguard will dance to the classic, "Sing, Sing, Sing," featuring soloists from the jazz band. The percussion section will be featured in Victor Herbert's "Romany Life," closing with a moving version of "Georgia on My Mind."

Wakefield High School is planning to present a medley of music by Blood, Sweat and Tears, while Southbridge High School has planned a Star Trek show. Guys and Dolls is the theme of the show to be presented by the Methuen High School Band. The Killingly "Big Red" band from Danielson, Connecticut will present "Music for a Fall Night," including "Night Hunters" from "Dracula," "Walking in the Air" from "The Snowman," and "Beautiful Star" from Paul Winter's "Wintersong."

Tickets for this field show extravaganza are only $4 (adults) and $3 (students and senior citizens). All proceeds will help to defray the band's spring trip to New York City.

Topper's Ice Cream Donates 3,000 Cones To AHS Renaissance

Topper's Ice Cream and Frozen Yogurt recently donated 3,000 free ice cream cones to the Agawam High School Renaissance Program.

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"Residential fires are quick, unexpected, and deadly. If children have not been coached in fire safety and they don't know what to expect, fear and confusion can hinder their safe escape," said Shirley LaRoche, RN, coordinator, Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

National Fire Prevention Week (October 8th-14th) is the perfect time for families to review a plan of action to ensure their safe escape from their house or apartment in the event of a fire, LaRoche noted.

Fires and burns are the third-leading cause of unintentional, injury-related death among children in the United States.

Each year, approximately 1,000 children ages 14 and under die in residential fires. Children at highest risk are ages four and under, accounting for two-thirds of the fire-related deaths to children ages 14 and under.

The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition, along with the National Safe Kids Campaign, offer the following safety tips to assist parents and caregivers in protecting their children from a dangerous fire:

- Keep matches, lighters, and other heat sources out of children's reach.
- Remove anything too close to a fireplace, heater, or radiator, such as clothing, furniture, newspapers, or magazines.
- Secure all portable heaters.
- Avoid plugging several appliance cords into the same electrical socket.
- Replace old or unraveled appliance cords and keep them on top of rugs.
- Store all flammable liquids, such as gasoline, outside of the home.
- Keep furniture or other heavy objects out of the way of doors and windows.

Ninety percent of childhood fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke detectors. The chances of dying in a fire are cut in half with the presence of a working smoke detector, LaRoche noted, adding that:

- Families should buy and install smoke detectors.
- Test and maintain smoke detectors regularly.
- Plan and practice two escape routes out of the house or apartment.
- Designate an outside meeting place.

If children are coached properly ahead of time, they will have a better chance of escaping a fire safely, noted LaRoche. She recommended:

- Teaching children what a smoke detector alarm sounds like.
- Teaching children to crawl low under smoke.
- Teaching children to cover their mouths and noses.
- Teaching children to touch doors before opening them.
- Teaching children to never return into a burning building.
- Teaching children to "stop, drop, and roll."

"Fires are fast and furious, and can frighten even the most prepared. By thoroughly learning and practicing this basic fire safety information, a family will have a better chance at staying alive and safe," LaRoche said.

For more information on family fire safety, or about any child safety topic, call LaRoche at 784-5434.

Judith Fahey-Jakubiec Interior Designer At Bay Path College

Judith D. Fahey-Jakubiec of One-if-by-Lane, Feeding Hills, is among the 14 Bay Path College interior design students who are decorating a room in the fund-raising ShowHouse in Suffield, Connecticut, which will be open to the public from October 7th-22nd.

Proceeds from the house tour, featuring the work of many area interior designers, will benefit the cardiology services of Johnson Memorial Hospital.

The Bay Path room is a nursery influenced by the works of Beatrix Potter, author of *"Peter Rabbit."* This is the second year that Bay Path students, under the supervision of Professor Sandra Burns, have been involved in a ShowHouse. They previously decorated several rooms in Longmeadow's former "Young Estate" on hte town green, a benefit for the Springfield Y.W.C.A. The current ShowHouse is located at 309 Mapleton Avenue, Suffield, and will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fahey-Jakubiec is a member of Bay Path's sophomore class.

Host Family Sought For Visiting Teacher At Agawam High

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is currently seeking a host family for a visting teacher (female) from a South American country from mid-January 1996 until the end of June.

The AFS Visiting Teacher Program has been a great success for Agawam AFS and for Agawam High School. Agawam AFS has sponsored three visiting teachers at AHS, including its most recent visiting teacher, Raquel Waldina Moreau from Argentina. Miss Moreau was hosted by David & Theresa Gallerani and Family of Agawam from January to June 1995.

The visiting teacher team-teaches at Agawam High School under the direction of foreign language teacher Mary Ellen Bruce (Spanish) and English teacher Lawrence O'Brien.

For further info, contact Al Machia, Agawam AFS Family Selection Committee chairman (786-0114) or Ric Sardella, chapter president (789-2005, evenings).

Local Students Graduate From RPI

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced the names of students who were awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees in May 1995.

Agawam students were Scott Raymond Russell of 756 Suffield Street, bachelor of science, cum laude, in mechanical engineering, and Barbara Arlene Murphy of 52 Warren St., bachelor of science in mathematics.

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer is the nation's oldest degreegranting technological university. *"U.S. News & World Report"* has consistently ranked Rensselaer among the top 50 "national" universities in the country, and has consistently listed its graduate engineering program among the top 15.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 9th: No school (Columbus Day).

Tuesday, October 10th: Pepperoni-topped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Wednesday, October 11th: Taco boat with cheese topping, Mexican corn, peaches in syrup or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Thursday, October 12th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with honey or mayonnaise, bread and butter, steamed parsley rice, diced carrots, apple crisp, milk.

Friday, October 13th: Oven-baked cod nuggets, whipped potato, seasoned niblet corn, half peanut butter sandwich, ice cream cup, milk.

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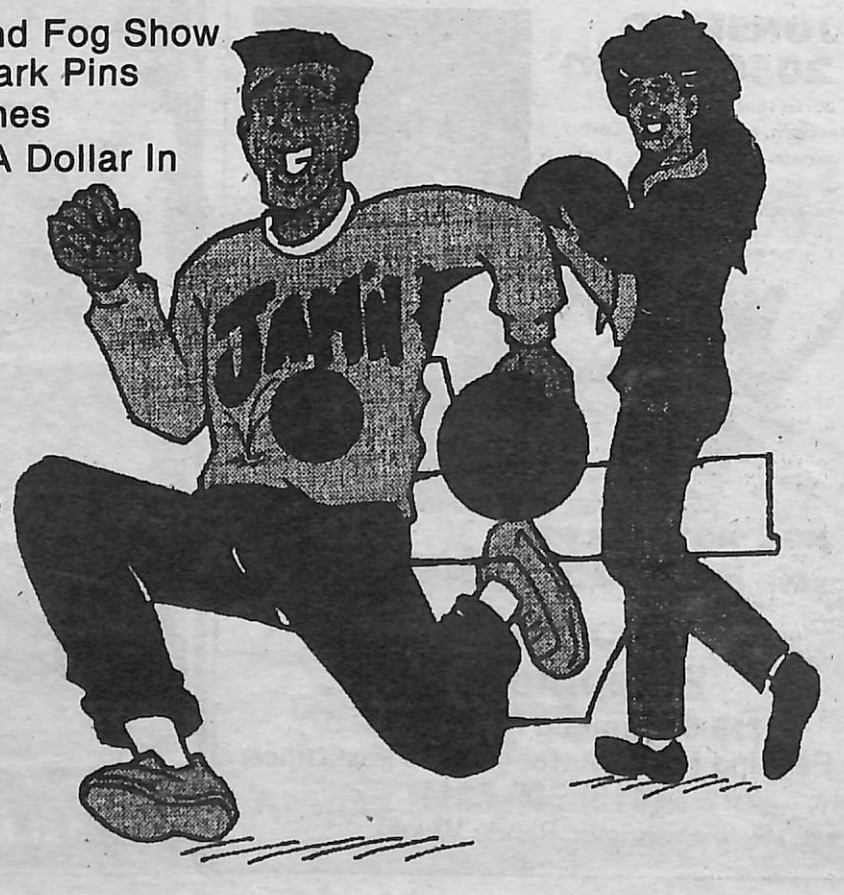
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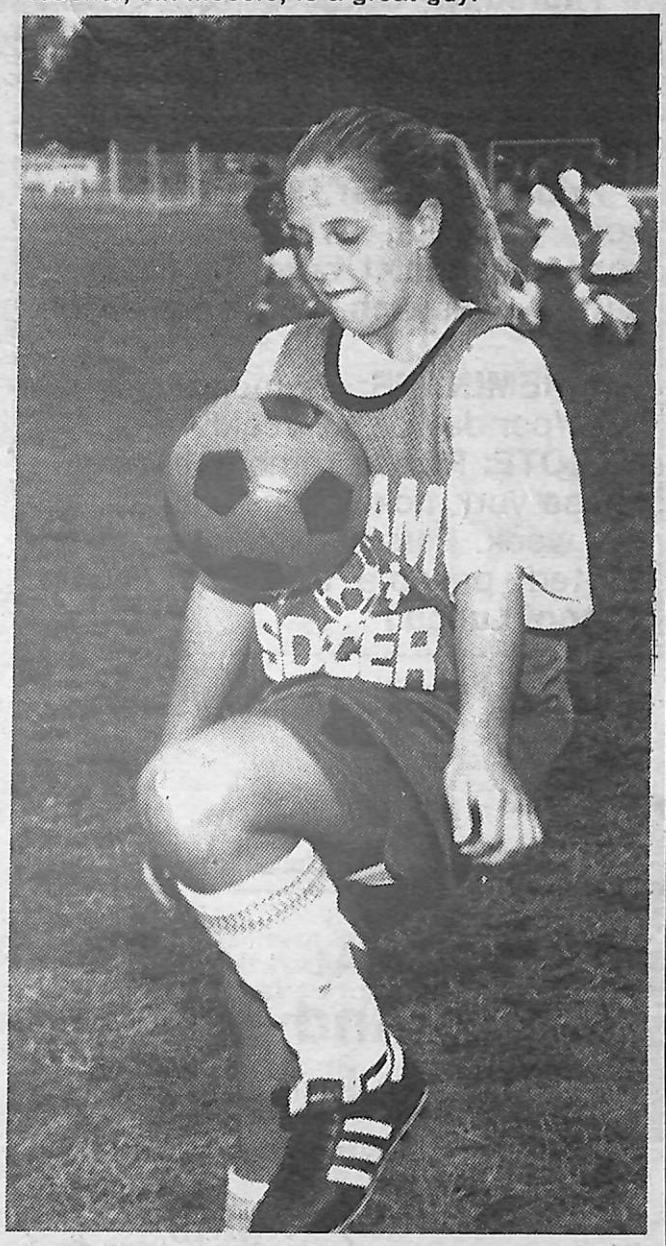
Sports

Courtnie Hyland Steps Up As Premiere Athlete At Agawam High School

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the best athletes at Agawam High School is 17 year-old senior Courtnie Hyland. She's a forward and midfielder in soccer and a catcher on the school's Western Massachusetts champion and state finalist softball team. She is an attractive, intelligent, and talented young woman. She took some time out recently to talk to us about her life.

At school, she has some tough courses. "I really like physics," she says. "It's the type of course that relates to everyday life. And my physics teacher, Mr. Moccio, is a great guy."



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR COURTNIE HYLAND is one of the school's premiere athletes in 1995-96. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

She also takes advanced math. She's in the second-year Italian language program there. When asked how fluent in the language she was, she laughed, "I think I could do pretty well in Italy." She also takes a course called essay writing. Talking to her, you get the feeling that she would like to be a diplomat.

There is more to Courtnie than her work in the classroom, though. She likes two colors. "I like tan," she says, "but green is really my favorite."

Her favorite television show is "Home Improvement." Her dream car is a Lexus (Courtnie has expensive tastes). She loves ice cream. "For me, mint chocolate chip is the ultimate."

Her favorite big-screen movie is "The Fugitive." "It was interesting for the entire time I was watching it," she said.

Courtnie isn't only a soccer star, she is also a soccer official. "I officiate games on weekends when I can."

Her taste in music is a bit conservative. "I like Melissa Etheridge. She's low key. She's easy to listen to."

Courtnie's favorite athlete is Larry Bird. Why? "He never seemed to me to be out for money. He was very conservative."

Her Favorite Coaches

She has favorite coaches, too. "I love softball Coach Debbie Lickley. She is a completely honest person. She only asks two things of you—that you work hard and pay attention." That strategy paid off in their state tournament final win against Doherty of Worcester.

Doherty hit a ball to left. They had a runner on third. She left too soon. Coach Lickley, who was on the sidelines and in no position to judge the play, couldn't call anything. But Courtnie, Dena DeMarco, and Kristen Patterson could. And they did.

Courtnie got the late throw at home plate. All three of them were aware that the Highlander runner had left the bag too soon. She threw to third. The runner was out. "Yeah, I really remember that play," she said. "All the long work Coach Lickley did with us paid off that day."

She also mentioned her new soccer Coach Mary Murray. "She is a completely honest person."

Courtnie, because of her talents in softball, has some pretty good schools interested in her. "UMass, UConn, and the University of Rhode Island have contacted me," she said.

She describes her ability as an athlete in simple terms. "I'm most proud of my leadership qualities and my desire to win. I'm always trying to get better. And I'm never really satisfied with my performance on the field."

We have to mention her mom and dad. Her mom's name is Faith. She's an assistant teacher at Longmeadow High School. Her dad, John, is the chief cardiac technician at Baystate Medical Center.

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Brownies To Take On South Hadley This Friday For More Varsity Football Action

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli has a tough time figuring out the Friday night matchup (October 6th) against South Hadley. Last year, they beat the Brownies 13-8 at Harmon Smith field. Last year, South Hadley went 9-2 and were the Suburban League champions. They were a very good football team. They still are.

The coach was completely puzzled. "I knew we would beat Amherst," the coach said, talking of his team's 35-0, second-game victory over the Hurricanes. "I have a hard time figuring out how Amherst could have beaten such a good and talented team as South Hadley" (which they did last Friday night, 13-12).

The coach, during the interview, was reflective. "We all took the Holyoke loss very hard. We shouldn't have lost to them. Even putting a talent like Cedric Washington into the mix, we were the better team."

Now they go to South Hadley. And Coach Vec tried to put a finger on such a puzzling team. "They are the most basic of teams," he admitted. "They run out of an unbalanced offense. They do the basics of football as well as anyone. They drive the football upfield. They have three blue-collar running backs (senior halfback Dan Bokuniewicz [6', 190], senior fullback Jeff Lane [6', 225], and sophomore Dave Boulais). They have a tough quarterback in Justin Clark, who really doesn't throw much, but knows how to run an offense. They have an outstanding coach in Steve Dubilo.

"Their defense is like their offense, very basic," the coach added. "They do what any team does best—the things they know how to do."

South Hadley is 2-1. They are 0-1 in their league. Agawam is 1-2. Agawam should win this game. Make it 14-7 Brownies.

Harlem Wizards To Return To Agawam High School In November

The Harlem Wizards, a world-renowned entertainment basketball team that is now 35 years young, is coming for the second year to the Agawam High School on Monday, November 13, 1995 at 7:30 p.m.

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There will be a free post-game autograph session. Refreshments and "Wizard" souvenirs will be sold at the game.

Tickets will go on sale at the end of October. The cost will be the same as last year. Advance sales: $5 for students and senior citizens, and $6 for the general public. At the door: all tickets will be $7.

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AHS's Football Team Bows To The Purple Knights Of Holyoke

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

In his preview piece last week, Agawam High football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli stressed that in order to beat Holyoke High School, his Brownies would have to control the football. The football was indeed controlled. But the Purple Knights' great running back, Cedric Washington, did most of the controlling in a 21-6 Holyoke victory before a large crowd at cool Harmon Smith Field last Friday night.

Cedric rushed for 271 yards on 16 carries. He scored on runs of 32, 80, and 20 yards. He also busted a beautiful draw play in the second quarter that went for 72 yards from deep in their territory to the Agawam 20-yard line. He would have gone all the way. But two great defensive efforts stopped him.

First, Phil McGeoghan, who plays wide receiver and defensive back, ran him down from behind, dove, and hooked one of Cedric's ankles. Linebacker Andrew Ingham, who is arguably one of the best athletes on the team, had the angle and nailed the running back.

But it wasn't the Holyoke defense that won the game. It was simple ball control. There are 48 minutes in a high school football game. Holyoke held the ball for 33 minutes of those 48. Agawam ran Dom Pisano (20 carries, 85 yards, a one-yard TD run). But they have problems on offense which have nothing to do with any team's defense.

All game long they tried two motion backs out of their new I-Bone; senior Glenn Wegrzyn and junior Kevin Perrault. A guy like Pisano gets it because he's had three years of experience. These guys semi-get it. QB Jeff Harlin is one tough customer. He is what every athletic team needs - a leader.

Out Of Quarterback's Control

He is asked to pass from a motion offense. He can do it. But sometimes a quarterback has no control when the ball leaves his hands. The case in point.

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Agawam Little League Sponsoring Info Night On Thursday, Oct. 12

The Board of Directors of the Agawam Little League will be having an informational meeting on Thursday, October 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Italian Sport Club, Cooper St., Agawam.

The Board of Directors encourage all parents of returning players and new players (must be six years-old by August 1, 1996) to attend this meeting. This is your only opportunity before the season starts to meet with the Board and express any concerns you have, and to find out first-hand what plans the 1996 season will bring. Sign-up dates and new changes to registration applications will also be given out at this time.

Coaches who plan on returning and anyone else who would like to coach should also attend.

The Board of 1995 wishes to thank all sponsors who helped make 1995 a great season for the Little League players.

The Board of Directors will be conducting elections at this meeting, also. If you are interested in serving on the 1996 Board, please attend this meeting. It is strongly suggested that parents of farm, T-ball, and minor leagues to consider being on the Board as many of the current Board members will be stepping down after the 1996 season. New members are needed to get involved now as to help make the transition easier.

HOLYOKE LOSS - from Page 41...

In the fourth quarter, with the Brownies down 14-6, Harlin rolled left. The Purple Knights had totally blown their coverage. (It was definitely not good defense.) Tight end Bryan Menard was so alone he could have had on dark glasses and a tin cup full of pencils in his hand. The pass wasn't exactly what Dan Marino would have thrown. It was catchable, but it was just one of those nights. And every good wide receiver, at every level of football, has dropped his share.

This game had some bright spots for the Brownies. Senior offensive and defensive lineman Derek Parker (6 tackles, three unassisted, one sack) had another strong game. Menard (3 receptions, 50 yards) also stood out, especially on defense. McGeoghan had a 15-yard interception return. Friday night, they meet South Hadley up there.

The Brownies fell to 1-2 overall, and 0-1 in the AA Conference.

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AHS Girls' Varsity Soccer 1995!



CLASS OF 1996 members on the current Agawam High girls' varsity soccer team, from left -Kara McDade, Jamie Thomas, Alison Reseigne, Courtnie Hyland, Sue DeFilipi, Danielle Petrangelo, and Steph Biza. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE 1995 Agawam High School girls' varsity soccer team and their coach, Mary Murray, are currently battling for a tournament spot in Division I. Back row - Kelly Grover, Carrie Janik, Amber Conte, Jill DeMarco, Cindi Alfano, Sarah Cote, Jamie Thomas, Danielle DiStefano, Amy Mastroianni, Melissa Troie, and Coach Mary Murray. Second row - Kristen Patterson, Linda Roy, Rita Reshamwala, Sue DeFilipi, Steph Biza, Kara McDade, and Danielle Petrangelo. Front row - Alison Reseigne and Courtnie Hyland (co-captains). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AHS JV & Freshman Weekly Recap

by Christian DeBonville
Advertiser News Correspondent

FRESHMAN BOYS' SOCCER

The freshman boys' soccer team continued their winning ways this past week by going 3-1, upping their record to 6-1.

They started the week off with an impressive victory over powerful Cathedral. In the first half, Agawam controlled the ball well and built a 2-0 lead on goals by **Danny Balboni** and captain **Dave Gallerani.** The passing of **Adam Blair** and **Dave Thomas** was clutch in the first half. In the second half, Agawam goalie **Jamie Cincotta** weathered the Cathedral storm and earned a 2-1 victory. It was a great win, as the Panthers controlled the second half.

Against Longmeadow, Agawam suffered a tough loss when the Lancers scored on a last-second shot for a 2-1 victory. **Brian Machos** scored the Brownie goal in this matchup of two equal teams.

Agawam bounced back from their loss to the Lancers by shutting out East Longmeadow 2-0 in a solid effort. The Brownies' controlled the game and were aided by goals by Adam Blair and Dave Thomas. **Dave Federico** played well in the victory.

At presstime, Agawam again beat Pathfinder behind the goalscoring of Dave Thomas, who now has eight goals.

This past week showed that the Agawam freshman boys' team is a promising young team that uses its athleticism and teamwork to its advantage.

JV BOYS' SOCCER

The JV boys' soccer team went 1-1 this week to up their season record to 3-5. The team should be sparked by the return of goalie **Jay Malone. Lee Kunkler,** who was 2-1 in Malone's absence, should return to the role of backup.

Jay Hanscom, Nick Dion, and **Dan Siano** have continued to emerge as the Brownies' best young playmakers, while **Vincenzo Tirone, Dan Cizek,** and **Jack Biscoe** have been showing a lot of hustle lately. The main problem has been the defense, but that is steadily improving. The JV'ers hope to even their record this week against Minnechaug and West Side (both are winnable games).

FRESHMAN GIRLS' SOCCER

The freshman girls' soccer team ended last week on a high note by earning a thrilling 2-1 home victory over the Westfield bombers.

Diane Abdala scored on a nice feed from **Chris Campbell** with two minutes remaining, just three minutes after Westfield had evened the score. Agawam controlled the game throughout and were thrilled to win it after it looked like a tie was imminent.

The Brownies had a 1-0 lead on a goal by Chris Campbell at the half, and were helped by the fantastic goaltending of **Franca Bonavita,** who stopped many point-blank shots. **Michelle Heim** showed great hustle throughout the game, and **Kornelia Moysis** played well at sweeper.

The win over Westfield showed that the team is a hustling, determined, and talented team that Coach Lynda Kunasek has taught well.

The freshmen will meet West Side this week.

JV GIRLS' SOCCER

The JV girls' soccer team picked it up a notch this week and upped their record to an impressive 4-4-2. Coach Karen Patterson's club has started to gel recently and is playing well as a unit.

Linda Roy and **Nikki Lawson** have been playing exceptionally well, as have goalie **Shannon Beaudry** and halfback **Julie LaFlamme.** Goalie **Jen Quigley** has returned from an injury and should see some time in net.

Freshmen **Melissa Cote, Jessica Dutton, Barbara Maloni,** and **Kara Tierney** have all shown a lot of promise and skills, and they should be stars on next year's team if they're not on varsity.

This past week showed the JV team at their finest.

JV FOOTBALL

The JV football team suffered a tough loss this week to Holyoke, 24-18, due to the fact that Agawam did not convert two-point conversions while the Purple Knights did.

Chris Bernarzyk's 35-yard TD run gave Agawam a 6-0 lead, but Holyoke struck for an 8-6 lead. Varsity punter **Josh Maynard** caught a 15-yard TD from **Eric Melbourne** to give Agawam a 12-8 lead, which was erased when Holyoke scored for a 16-12 lead.

The Brownies took the lead for a third time when **Mike Wing** scored on a 30-yard pass from Melbourne. That 18-16 lead was gone for good when Holyoke scored once again for the game's final tally.

Although Agawam lost this see-saw battle, many players performed well. **Mark Potter-Leddy** electrified the crowd with his exciting and speedy kick and punt returns. The running of Bednarzyk,

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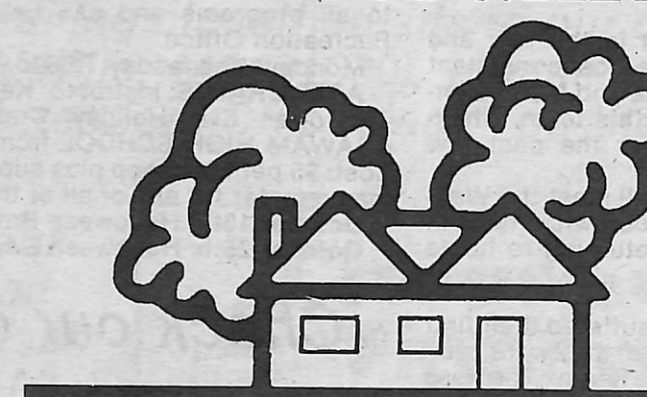
Agawam Soccer Assoc. Boys' Standings
(As Of October 1, 1995)

UNDER 10 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Lyons' Hawks	5	0	0	10
Roos' Yellow Jackets	4	0	0	8
Jack's White Lightning	3	2	1	7
Deglis' Panthers	1	0	4	6
Harlow's Green Gators	3	3	0	6
Martin's Blue Tornados	2	2	1	5
Federico's Blue Dudes	1	0	3	5
Henry	0	3	2	2
Campana's Rockets	0	5	1	1
Meyers' Orange Flames	0	4	0	0

UNDER 12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Fleming's Green Hornets	5	0	0	10
Summers' Cranberry Crusher	1	1	2	4
Rosenberg's Sun Devils	1	3	2	4
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Adamski	1	4	1	3

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as well as sophomores **Vinny Curto** and **Mike Sullivan,** was inspiring to the coaches as well.

Jamie Buiso had some nice hits from his defensive end position, and **Darrel Malachowski** played well on the offensive line. The team, however, suffered a loss when **Dan Walker** left the game due to a shoulder injury.

The loss dropped Agawam's record to 1-1, and they next take on South Hadley on October 9th at South Hadley.

FRESHMAN FIELD HOCKEY

After three games, the freshmen stand at 0-3. They have been gaining experience throughout the season and are steadily learning the finer points of the game. The girls have been determined all season long, and no doubt will notch many more victories before season's end.

Kelly Cortis has emerged as a leading defender, and **Sara Nacewicz** has been a leading offensive player. **Gina Cellilli, Heather Jenson,** and **Patty Zerra** are a few of the many up-and-coming stars on this team.

Coach Goodfellow's team has been very competitive, and the players should do well the rest of the season. This week they meet East Longmeadow at home on the 6th, and travel to Longmeadow on the 10th.

JV FIELD HOCKEY

The JV field hockey team has been playing very well lately, and has increased their win total to two.

Jen Rendrick has been great in the net, and **Kelli Kunkel** has been the team's most consistent offensive threat. **Jessica Przybyla** and **Maria Giordano** have been the leaders of this team, which has shown great teamwork over the past few games.

Coach Poulos and her team will meet the West Side Terriers and the powerful Southwick Rams in road games this week before returning to home action next week.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

The freshman football squad suffered their first setback of the young season when they were overpowered by a talented Holyoke team. The loss dropped Agawam's record to 1-1. Lately, dissension among team players and lack of teamwork has hurt. Still, that is common among rookie teams, and they still have six games left.

Ryan Longtin has been playing well lately, and big things are expected from **Wayne Paradysz** and **Brian Gallagher.**

Coaches Parker, Haag, and Pryce will attempt to get back on the winning track with a game at Chicopee on the 6th. Look for a big game from QB **Mike Buoniconti** then.

More 1995 Programs Sponsored By Agawam Parks Dept.

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department has a few more openings in the following programs for the fall. Registration is held daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Recreation Office. Phone registrations will **not** be accepted.

All fees are required at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Agawam. Release forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian for all youth programs.

ADULT

AEROBICS: Intermediate, low-impact workout includes toning and stretching. The eight-week program instructed by Karen Wilson-Mickey begins October 16th at the AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL. Participants must supply their own mats.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. ($50).

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL: Competitive, recreational program begins October 16th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Monday: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. ($20).

DROP-IN BASKETBALL: Supervised drop-in basketball program for RESIDENTS ONLY begins October 16th at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL. ***Identification Cards*** are necessary for admittance to all programs and can be picked up at the Recreation Office.

Monday/Wednesday: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. ($2/night).

ARTS/CRAFTS: Instructor Karla Mancini Young will offer five Holiday Craft Workshops at AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost: $5 per workshop plus supplies. Participants may register for any or all of the following:

October 18th: Halloween Broom
October 25th: Halloween Sweatshirt or T/T Bag
November 1st: Glass Ornaments
November 15th: Holiday Tree
November 29th: Wreath

YOUTH

YOUTH LEADERSHIP: Toastmasters International will help students in grades nine through 12 to develop communication and leadership skills. The eight-week program will be conducted at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL beginning October 17th.

Tuesday: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (no fee).

INTRODUCTION TO EXERCISE, SPORTS, & PLAY: Introduces children to exercise, sports, and active games. Instructed by our Recreation Department Staff, the eight-week program will meet on Saturdays at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL beginning October 14th. Cost: $20.

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.: 4 & 5 years
10:00 - 10:50 a.m.: 5 & 6 years
11:00 - 11:50 a.m.: 6 & up

ARTS/CRAFTS: Children will have the opportunity to create a wide variety of projects designed for their age level. Sarah Hufland will instruct this program, which will meet on Saturdays at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL beginning October 14th. Cost: $30.

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.: 6 to 8 years (8 weeks)
10:00 - 10:50 a.m.: 4 & 5 years (8 weeks)
11:00 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.: 9 & 10 years (4 weeks)

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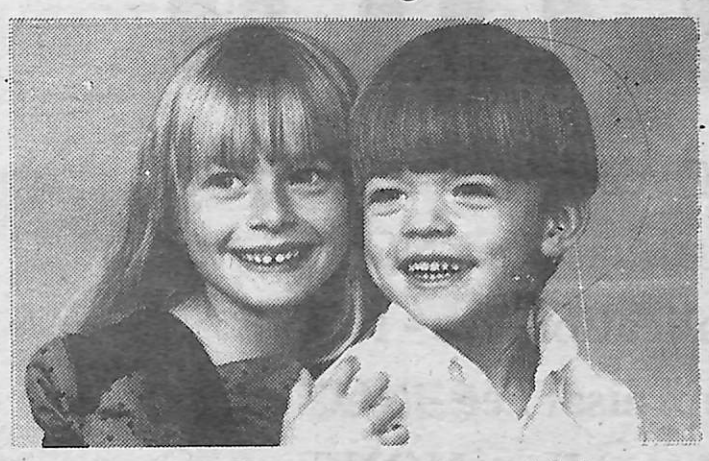
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Jr. Youth Football Wins Second Straight By Beating Ludlow

The Agawam Junior Warriors traveled to Whitney Field on Sunday, October 1, 1995 to take on the Ludlow Lions. The Juniors won their second consecutive game by blanking Ludlow 6-0 and improving their league record to two wins and two losses.

The young Junior squad executed well and generated 143 yards of offense while holding Ludlow's offensive team to just 62 yards. The game's lone touchdown was scored by Ryan Lottermoser on a six-yard run over the left guard that capped a 40-8 drive in the second period.

Ryan Lottermoser was the leading junior rusher with 41 yards followed by Jason Clement, Dave Pashek, Tim Sullivan, Dan Richards, and Ricky Cilimberg. Bo Fydenkevez was the leading receiver with two catches for a total of 29 yards. Agawam quarterback Dan Richards completed three passes on five attempts.

Billy Menard led the defense with nine tackles followed by Brian Pedersen, Sean Burke, Dave Pashek, Mike Locke, Ricky Cilimberg, Brian Michael, Tim Sullivan, and Matt Shea.

Youth Senior Football Team Easily Defeats Host Ludlow, 24-2

Last Sunday, the Agawam Senior Warriors traveled to Ludlow to take on the Ludlow seventh and eighth grade football team. This one was never close as the Warriors dominated from the opening kick-off. The final score was 24-2.

Ludlow took the opening kick-off and managed one first down before being stopped by the aggressive Agawam defense. Agawam's Alex Almquist fielded the Ludlow punt on the Warrior 45 and returned it to the Ludlow 30. Two plays later, QB Mike Martin hit split-end Jason Daigneau with a pretty 24-yard pass off the bootleg for the Warriors' first score. Martin ran around left end for the conversion to make it 8-0.

On their next possession, Ludlow was forced to punt again and Agawam took over at midfield. Runs by Shawn Biebel, Almquist, and Vin Buoniconti gave the Warriors a first and goal at the Ludlow one. Biebel scored Agawam's next TD one play later and Smith ran for the conversion. The quarter ended with Agawam on top, 16-0.

After exchanging turnovers in the second quarter, Agawam had a first down on the Ludlow 35 courtesy of a Buoniconti interception. The play was set up when linebacker Kevin Grealis hit the Ludlow QB as he released the ball, causing him to throw short. Buoniconti stepped in front of the Ludlow receiver for his third interception of the year.

On the next play, Alquist, behind blocks by Jerry Graves, Mike Blevins, and Eric Pederson, ran up the middle for the third quarter score. Buoniconti scored the conversion on a pass from Martin and the half ended with a 24-0 Warrior lead. Mindful of the league's 23-point mercy rule, the coaches let the younger players play the second half. They played well, keeping Ludlow off the board. Ludlow's points came on a safety late in the game.

For the fourth consecutive week, Agawam controlled the line of scrimmage. The Warrior line of Graves, Blevins, Pederson, Shawn Gloster, Mike Grant, Scott Harlin, and Ed Torres dominated on offense and defense. They opened huge holes for the Warrior running backs and stymied the Ludlow offense.

Agawam travels to Wilbraham on Sunday for game number five. Wilbraham, with only one loss, figures to be a far tougher opponent than Agawam has faced in the past two weeks.

Agawam Park & Rec. Men's Volleyball

(Standings As Of 10/2/95)

TEAM	RECORD	TEAM POINTS
Spartans	12-4	36
E Z Riders	12-4	33
Olympic Fasteners	6-10	17
Lightning Spike	2-14	10

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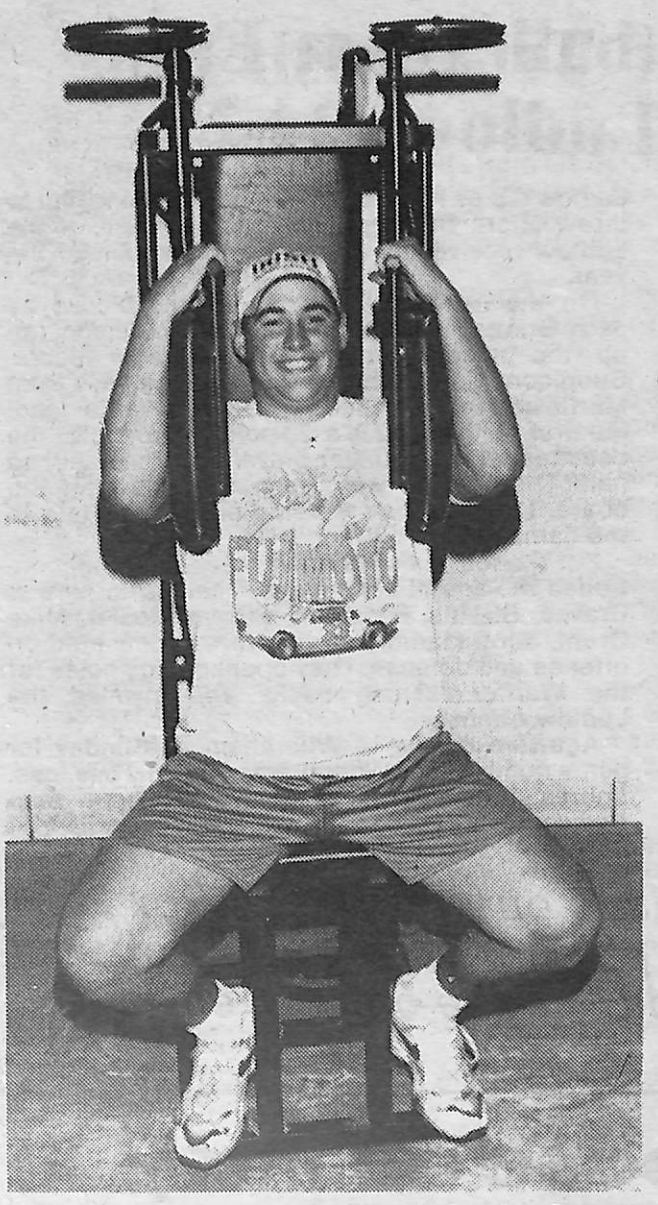
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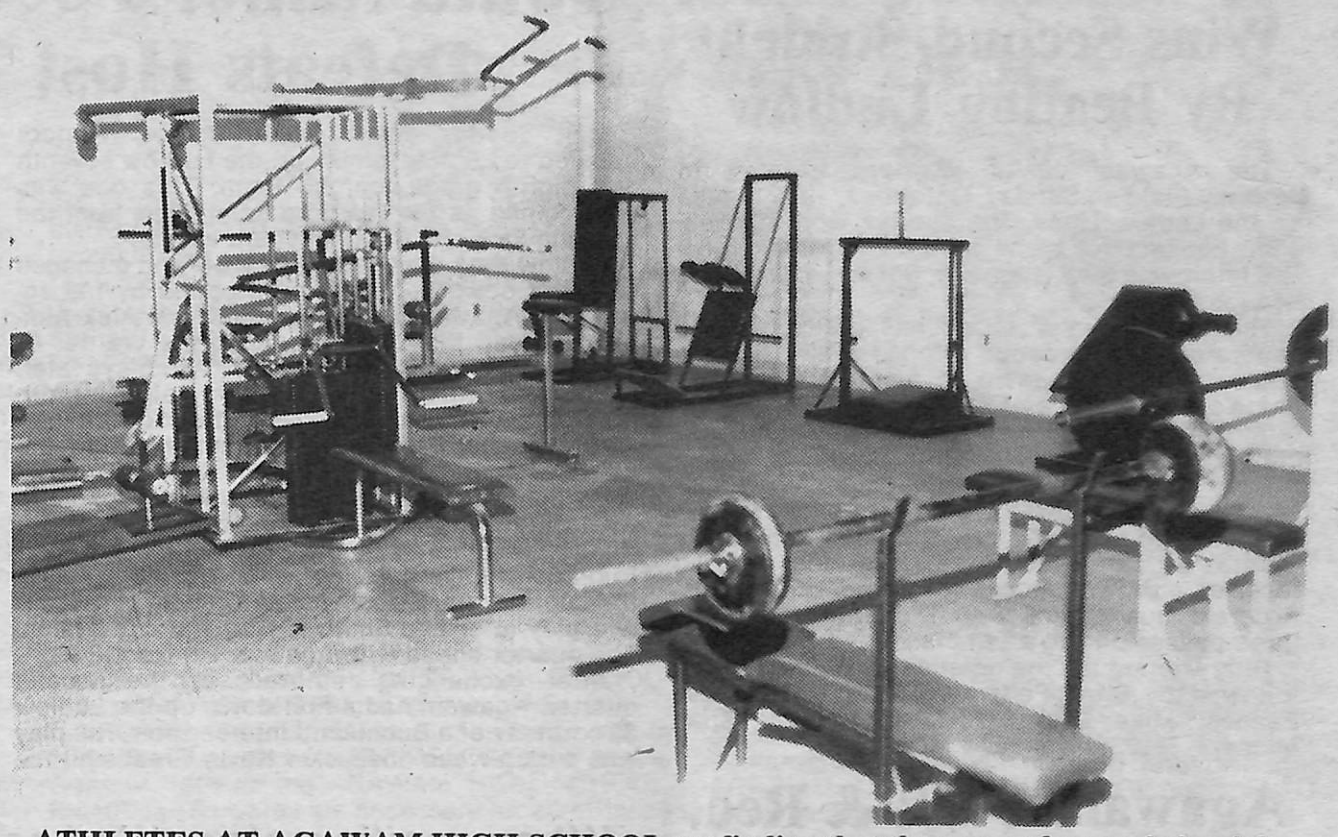
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MATT DISCO flexes his muscles in the expanded AHS weight room. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ATHLETES AT AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL are finding that the new and expanded weigh room is most helpful for getting into shape. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Expanded Weight Room At AHS Important To School's Athletes

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

No athletic team or school, at any level, can be successful without being strong and fit.

Strength, along with ability, is the nature of life. Weight training, along with practice and coaches yelling at you all the time, is the hardest thing you will ever do in sports.

So, it is nice when the school you happen to be attending provides you with a state-of-the-art weight room that gives you the opportunity to make yourself better physically fit.

Agawam High School has just that. Before I tell you all the people who went into making it a reality, I have to tell you what it's like.

The weight room is enclosed in a cage in the small gym at the school where the wrestling team works out. The cage doesn't mean that the place is like some super-psycho gym where the lifters (male or female) go in and grunt and scream and groan so they can show off to each other. This place is extremely expensive. The cage alone cost $2,100.

Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney outlined just what is there. "We have four aerobic bikes. We have a treadmill on order. We have 12 work stations with free weights."

She went on. "This is great for out athletic teams. Whether it be male or female, they have to be strong and fit. But this whole complex was instituted for our general student population. Our number one priority for all our kids was to keep them as healthy as possible."

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Ms. McSweeney hit on the basic premise. "Our aerobic equipment lets us see what kind of shape the kids are in. We have a great tradition in this town of athletic excellence and physical fitness. It will never change."

She highlighted the weight room even more. "Most of us use it." She's right. More than once we've seen Agawam coaches working out on the equipment. We can personally say, in our quiet observations at the High School, we've seen Ms.

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AHS STUDENT STEPHANIE FLEMING works out on a life cycle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Soccer Parents To Meet October 11th

There will be a general meeting of the Agawam High School Soccer Parents Association on Wednesday, October 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers' cafeteria at the High School.

Dues may be paid at the meeting or mailed to AHS Soccer Parents, P.O. Box 67, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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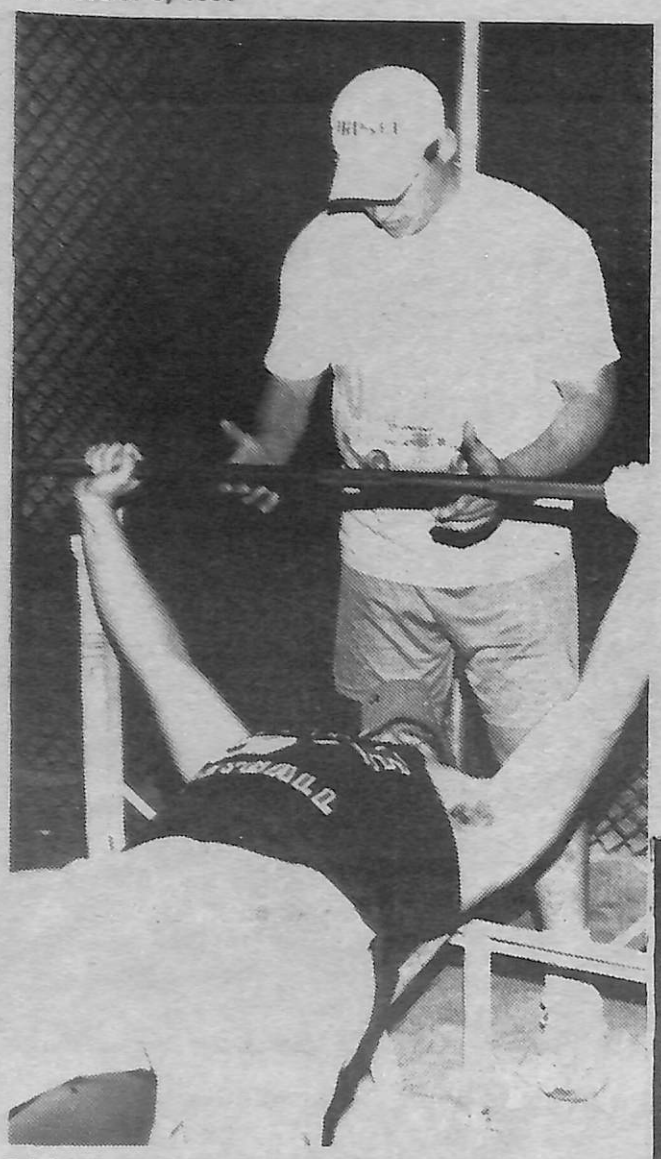
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MATT DISCO SPOTS FOR MATT CHRISTY in the expanded Agawam High weight room. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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McSweeney on an aerobic bike pedaling like she had to be in L.A. and had only an hour to get there.

Freshman assistant football coach, and the strength coach at the High School, Bill Haag, explained the deeper ramifications of the complex. "We have Olympic weight lifting equipment here. It is important to our strength program. But it is even more important to our rehab program should one of our athletes or anyone get hurt. A person can never get well with the type of injuries you get sometimes, unless you have the commitment to get into the weight room."

Who, in the end, is responsible for all of this? Both Haag and Ms. McSweeney singled out many contributors. **"Fitness First Health Club** was such a great help," Ms. McSweeney said. "The **parents of Ryan Willett** donated our soloflex machine," Haag added. Then he went on. **Stacy Ticoll, Mary Ann Sparveri,** and **Dean Molta** of Agawam donated equipment."

Ms. McSweeney also noted that the juice machines down in the gym corridors helped to pay for everything.

Best local news...

Strong Rolling For Tri-Parish Bowl

The third week of Round One of the Tri-Parish Bowling League produced some terrific rolling. League President "Jollie" OLLIE MULDREW fired a 390 for his team and super substitute LANCE "Link" POIRIER blasted 394 pins. And famous DEBBIE POIRIER led the way for the women with a nifty 330.

In the first match of the night, Georgetown and Debbie Poirier faced none other than "Lucious" LOU MULDREW and his Catholic University team. And it was a clean sweep for G-Town.

G-Town winners included "Wild" BILLY ALDRICH (237), GUS FRAPPIER (258), and D. Poirier. She defeated a distraught "Luscious" Lou, 330-318 in a real grudge match.

In the next match, St. Michael faced Fordham and "Jollie" Ollie Muldrew. And it was really no contest. Fordham winners were TERRY CERPOVICZ (289) and "Jollie" Ollie (390). "Jollie" completely overwhelmed St. Mike's Captain JEAN BUONICONTI, who had an off night with a 266.

St. Mike's did have two winners - leadoff JAY LAGODITZ (239) and none other than MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (284).

In the third match, St. Louis faced Catholic University. St. Lou winners were AUDREY PHILLIPS (261-258 over MARY THOMAS), KIM GRAVELINE (296), and Captain GLEN ADAMS, a big 346-315 winner over CU anchorman BILLY GRIFFIN.

The only CU winner was TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (292).

Next on the lanes saw St. Mary and Boston College square off. BC winners were leadoff DAVE ALDRICH (277) and "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK. "Jungle" (315) redeemed himself this week after last week's disasterous 248. St. Mary's Captain JOHN LONCRINI could only muster a 285 against "Jungle" Jim.

The two St. Mary's winners were VENETTA SNYDER (270) and hard-rolling FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (312).

In the final match of the night, Holy Cross came in against substitute LANCE "Link" POIRIER and maybe HC wished they stayed at home. Lance lanced the lanes for a sizzling 394, the best score for this league in a while (although "Jollie" Ollie was close). The other winners for ND were TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK (273) and PEARL PROVOST (237).

The lone winner for HC was third roller JOHN MLINEK (281).

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Permit allocations for zones 2 and 4 were reduced from last year in a move to permit herd growth in those areas. Allocations for zones 1, 3, 5, and 6 were designed to maintain herd stability in those areas. Allocations for zones 7 through 14 were increased in order to slow herd growth in those areas.

These zones include many of the eastern suburban areas where burgeoning deer populations may cause an increase in accidents with motor vehicles and damage to crops, orchards, and nurseries.

Allocations for zones 10 and 12 exceeded the number of applications received, even though applications for zone 10 increased 30 percent over last year's applications.

In all, 40,789 applications were received for the 21,450 permits available. The winning digits selected are the last digit of the applicant's hunting or sporting license number.

Winning numbers by management zones are:

Zone 1 ... 10769 ... 3 - partial (335/486); zone 2 ... 3 - partial (100/146); zone 3 ... 2603519 ... 4 - partial (108/259); zone 4 ... 3 ... 1 - partial (125/478); zone 5 ... 5, 6 ... 1 - partial (265/475); zone 6 ... 6513 ... 9 - partial (238/240); zone 7 ... 38625 ... 1 - partial (213/296).

Zone 8 ... 61285 ... 9 - partial (169/488); zone 9 ... 8703952 ... 4 - partial (133/340); zone 10 ... all winners; zone 11 ... 352 ... 6 - partial (248/340); zone 12 ... all winners; zone 13 ... all winners; zone 14 ... all winners.

Winning permits will be mailed October 16th and must be returned with a $5 for validation.

Explanation

DFW allocates a specific number of antlerless permits for each zone. Prior to the drawing, information is available on the number of applicants for each zone and the number of those applicants with license numbers ending in each digit.

For example: if the DFW allocates 200 permits for a zone and the number 6 is drawn, a table is on hand to indicate how many hunters who applied for that zone had a license number that ended in 6.

Let's say it was 150 hunters. That leaves 50 permits to be allocated. If the next number drawn in drawing (let's say 8) represents 190 hunters, then 8 is the partial number and 50 of the 190 hunters will be randomly selected to receive a permit.

New World Record Set In Oswego County

Nunzio Incremona of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, set a new unofficial line-class record by landing chinook salmon weighing 24 pounds, seven ounces (September 1st). The salmon was hooked in the mouth with a Comet fly on a six-pound tippet.

Incremona is a fishing manager for the Orvis Company. He has 60 days to send the fish, line, and lure to the International Game Fish Association to verify the new record.

Incremona reeled in the trophy-size fish at the Douglastown salmon run on the Salmon River near Pulaski.

"This new record helps dispel the old myth that migrating salmon won't bite on a lure," said Cathy Pokine, director of the Oswego County Department of Promotion and Tourism. "In fact, all world and state record salmon caught on the Salmon River were hooked in the mouth."

Agawam Soccer Assoc. STANDINGS

(As Of October 2, 1995)

UNDER 10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Ruhl's Tigers	4	0	0	8
Davilli's Maroon Maniacs	3	0	1	7
Santaniello's Green Grasshoppers	3	2	1	7
Kelly's Golden Girls	2	2	2	6
Patrick's Red Devils	2	2	1	5
Adams' L. Blue Angels	0	4	2	2
Dobise's Blue Lightning	0	4	1	1

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LOCAL HUTNER JOHN BRETON with his 10-point, 185-pound buck.

Local Hunter John Breton Takes "Shot Of A Lifetime"; Bags Buck

Local hunter John Breton has been hunting since he was 12 years-old, and a hunter always waits for the that chance at a big buck. He finally had that chance last week and was fortunate enough to get that "shot of a lifetime."

The 10-pointer weighed in a 185 pounds and rough-scaled for the Pope and Young at 132 pounds. "Believe it or not," said Breton, "I took this deer with a 58-pound, super Kodiak recurve. And I must say I owe the credit of my accuracy to Bill Chiba, who is my friend forever.

"Bill spent a month and a half with me, looking at me and shaking his head in disgust," continued Breton. "He kept saying, 'Don't give up; everybody has what they say is 'split vision.'" With time and Bill's patience, Breton became accurate enough with the recurve to hunt.

"Bill Chiba has spent so much time with me in the last couple of years. I've grown very close to him," stated Breton, adding, "His knowledge is overwhelming when it comes to shooting and hunting, and I'm glad we had the chance to get as close as we are.

"I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Bill for his guidance and his friendship. He is a good friend."

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Ruggiero Wins Last Modified Program For 1995 Season

Saturday, September 30th, marked the final race program for the "real" race divisions at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA. A special "run what you bring," open-competition event, it was just one of the close-out "fun" events that will round out the 1995 season at the local speedway. A moderate field of cars came out on September 30th for the seven-division evening of racing.

Reggie Ruggiero won the $1,200-to-win Modified feature. It was Ed Spiers who led until Dan Avery moved into the lead.

Avery was smooth and pulling away when, on lap 49, he spun in oil; involved in the same altercation was Dave Berube. The next factors became Bruce Batchelder, Brian Schofield, and Steve Park.

With 25 laps to go, it was Ruggiero who pulled away to the checker. Second was Brian Schofield, third was Ted Riggott, fourth was Steve Park, and fifth was Bruce Batchelder.

Sixth through 10th went to Fran Principi, Ed Spiers, Marty Leary, Dave Gallo, and Chuck Stuer.

The Pro Stock feature was a heated wheel to wheel battle with Scott Bouley and Doug Dell. These two ran wheel to wheel for over 20 laps.

Then, it was **Barry Gray** who moved into the lead. On a restart, it was Gray battling Dell, and then the pressure was applied by Johnny Lobo.

With 10 laps to go, Bouley pitted. This left a battle up front between Doug Dell and John Lobo.

At the checker with a strong lead was Barry Gray for first, followed by Doug Dell, John Lobo, Blaine Belz, and Bennitt Fuller. Rounding out the top 10 were Jim Bainfield, Les Hinkley, Craig St. Germain, Scott Bouley, and Lou Prior.

Brian Merchant wasted no time to take the lead in the Late Models. Merchant was then pressured heavily by Russ LaJoie. Early challengers included Glenn Griswold and Wayne Coury, but both eventually dropped out because of mechanical problems.

At the checker was Brian Merchant for another victory. Second was Russ Lajoie, and Teddy Chalmers, Todd Owens, and Rocco Mazziotto rounded out the top five.

The sixth- through 10th-place positions in this race were earned by Mike Mortimer, Eddy Mistrella, Joe Rzesutek, Roger Moisione, and Jeff Plakias.

Zak Sylvester won his first Mini Stock event on Saturday, September 30th. Zak, Riverside's youngest driver, won his feature by leading from green to checker.

In the closing laps, Ron Barnes finished second over third-place Tom Gavine. Fourth was Asa Johnson, and fifth was Cheryl Reilly.

Rounding out the top 10 for the Minis were Sylvia Crunden, Will Smith, Betty Plourde, Lee Kosikowski, and Ron Mayette.

(Incidentally, Zak Sylvester is the son of Tom Sylvester and has raced in only three events.)

Chuck Allessio showed that you can never count out a veteran in the Strictly Stocks. Al Leone tried to overtake Allessio at the checker, but he ultimately had to settle for second.

Coming in third was Glen Reilly, followed by Kris Valerio and Herb Carlon. Sixth through 10th were Jeff Soukup, Jim Sommers, Keith Carzello, Henry Dickinson, and Armondo Matos.

Mark LaJoie won the Super Stock feature and the 1995 title, as Bert Richardson was second over Keith Desantis, Shane Peele, and Terry Page.

Rounding out the top 10 in this race were Scott Garrity, Mike Chaves, Craig Hebert, J.R. Huntington, and John Provencher.

The next event at Riverside Park Speedway will take place on Saturday, October 14th, and will feature a "School Bus Demolition" and a regular Enduro, as well as other race divisions. Then, on Saturday, October 28th, the "Halloween Howler" will take place.

For further information on these upcoming events, contact the speedway at (413) 786-9300.

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SOCCER ASSOCIATION STANDINGS - from Page 48...

UNDER 12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Douglas' Red Devils	4	0	0	8
Spear's Blue Lightning	3	2	1	7
Francis' Lady Bugs	2	2	1	5
Davilli's Cranberry Cougars	2	3	1	5
Prisby's Golden Eagles	0	4	1	1

UNDER 14 COED	W	L	T	P
Fleming's Golden Girls	6	0	0	12
Shaw's Orange Crushers	3	0	1	7
Rosinski's Blue Raiders	3	2	1	7
Gremza's Green Machine	1	3	1	3
Ellsworth's Red	0	4	1	1
Francis' Maroon Maniacs	0	4	0	0

UNDER 17 COED	W	L	T	P
Cincotta's Big Green	2	0	1	5
Blair's Golden Eages	1	1	1	3
Heneghan's Rotten Oranges	0	1	2	2
Brinn's Blue	1	2	0	2

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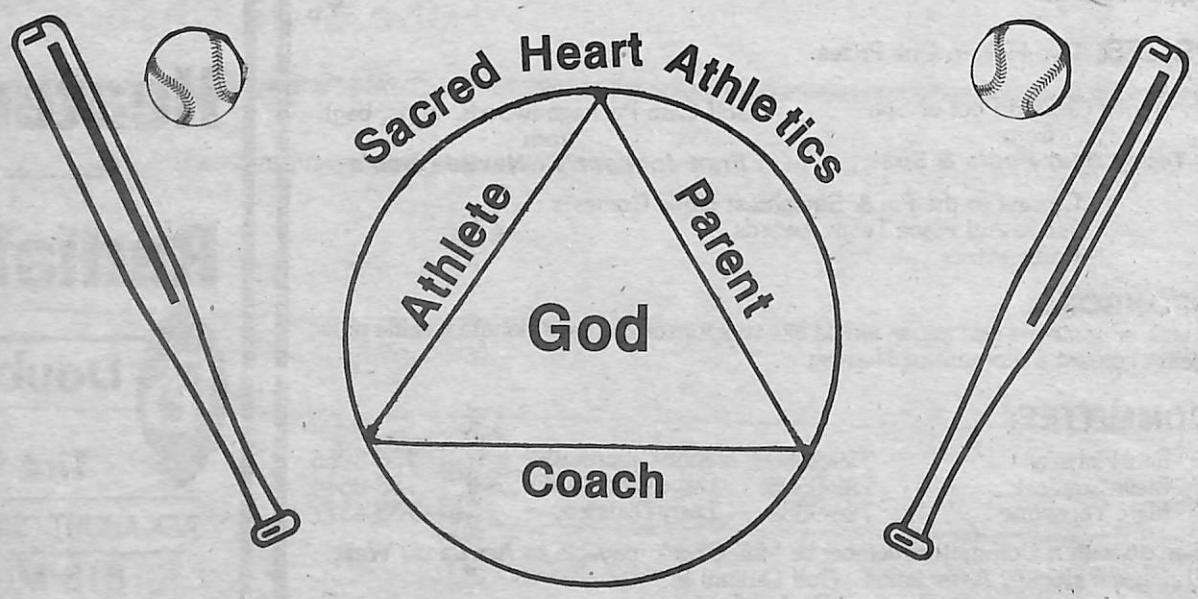
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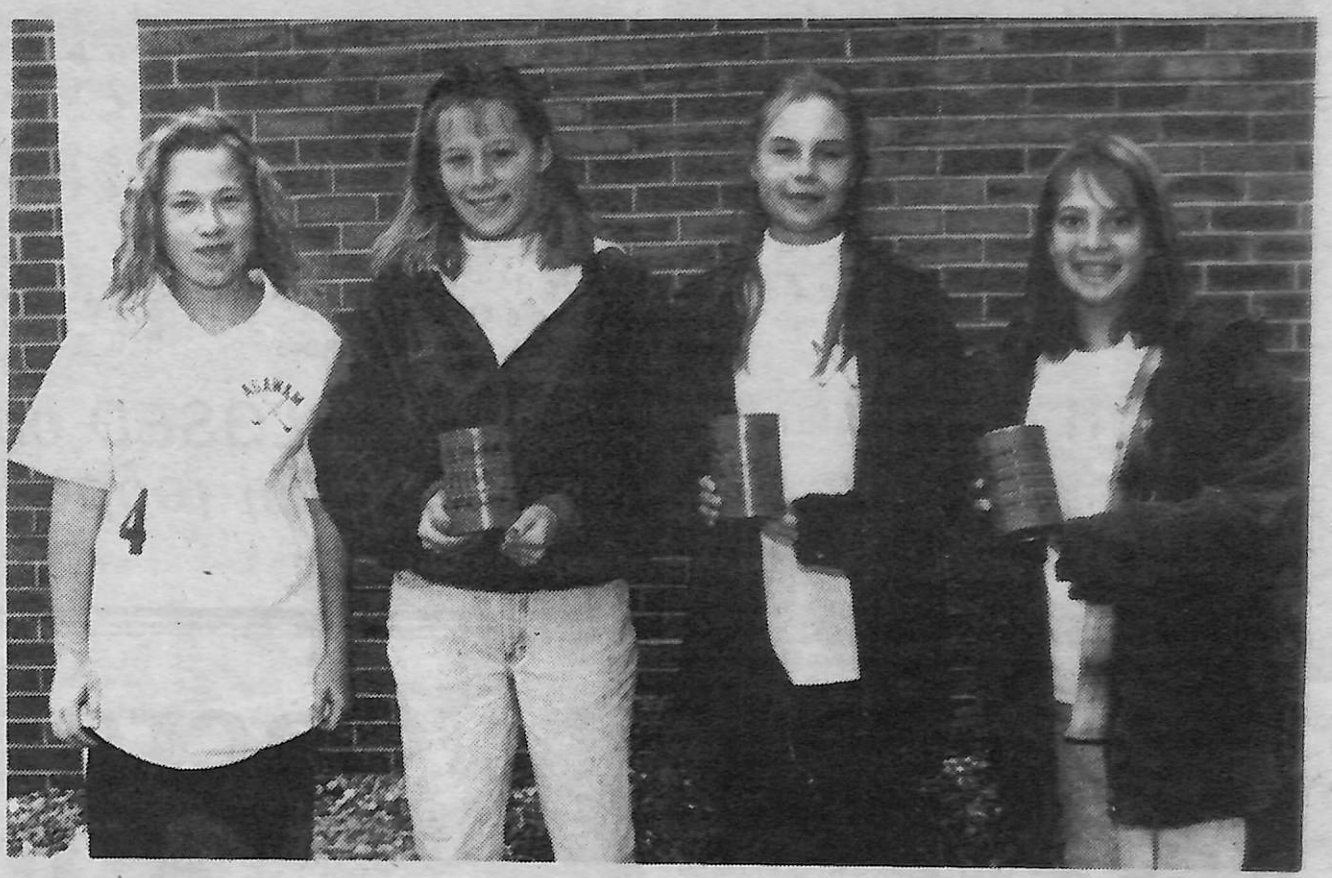


Basketball Sign-Ups



TAKING SIGN-UPS for the coming winter basketball season in the Agawam Athletic Association are Harold Cote and former three-sports star athlete at Agawam High School, Kristen Schmaelzle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Field Hockey Holds Fundraiser



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL girls' field hockey program were out in front of the Feeding Hills Post Office last Saturday collecting money to help defray operating costs. From left - Julie Case, Kelli Kunkel, Lotta Laukkanen, and Robin Przybyla. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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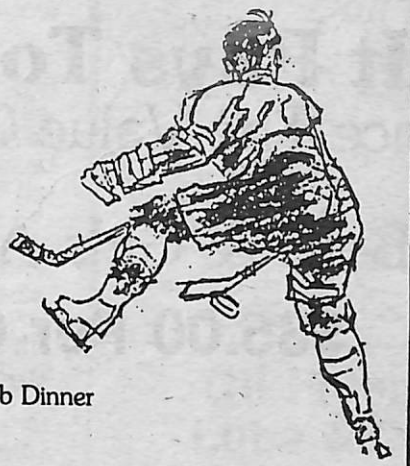
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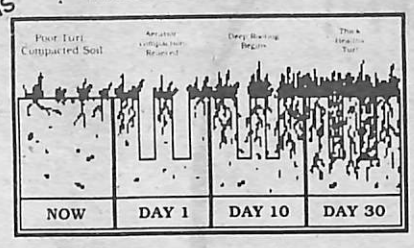
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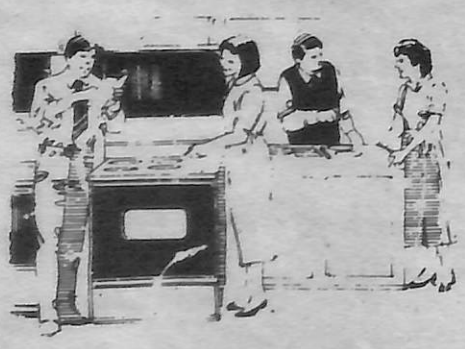


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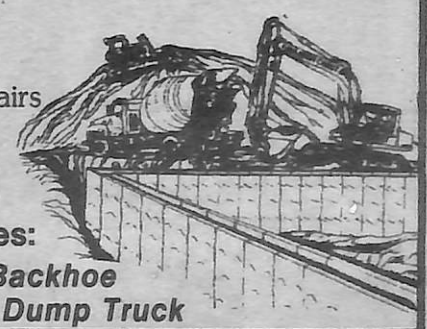
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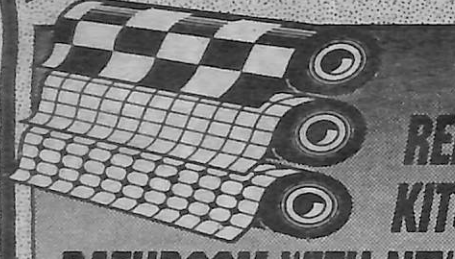


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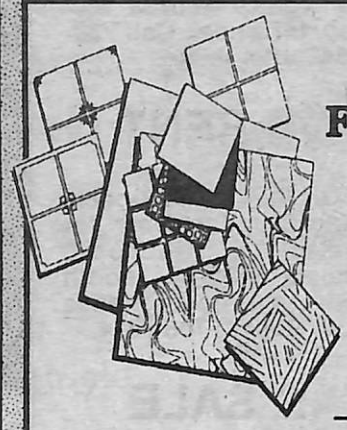
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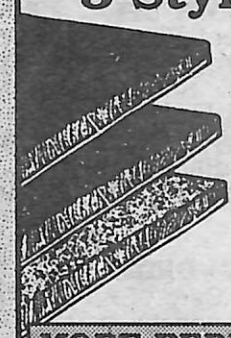
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